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Hungary here in January

The national teams of Hungary and Yugoslavia have been invited to play tournaments in Sydney and Melbourne next January.

The tournaments will mark the 25th anniversary of St. George-Budapest and Melbourne Soccer Club.

St. George coach Frank Arok says Hungary has accepted the Saints' invitation to take part in the tournaments.

He said he also would invite Yugoslavia, but if he is unsuccessful, he will take top club side Vojvodina.

Each tournament will comprise four teams — Hungary and another from overseas, and two local sides.

"St George would of course play in the Sydney tournament. The other local side could be a Sydney select eleven, or perhaps

a local Middle-European all-stars team," Arok said.

Meanwhile, Saints are relying on victory over Croatia in the NSW grand final on Sunday to boost their application for national league membership.

"Having lost to Croatia a few times this year," we must come out of this season with a title to back up our claims," Arok said.

HERMISTON IS OUR NO. 1



Youths China-bound

• Oscar Crino

The national youth team will compete in a tournament in China after the world youth championships.

The United States also has been invited to take part. The tournament starts on October 19 — the day after the final of the world championships. Presumably the U.S. does not expect Australia to advance that far.

"Some of the youth squad may not be available for the trip to China because of their heavy commitments over the next two months," ASF youth development officer Brian Perry said this week.

"So we may take along two or three players from the Sports Institute who will be eligible for the 1983 world championships."

The youth players entered camp at the Park Royal Hotel in Canberra on Monday.

They will switch to Sydney on September 28. Coach Les Scheinflug will cut his 22-man squad to a final 18 next week.

The squad is: Glen Ahearn, Dennis Ivanac, Oscar Crino, Dave Sken, Robert Wheatley, Ian McKie, Steve Blair, Mal Tuttle, Howard Tredinnick, Brett Woods, Grant Lee, Attilia Carbone, Paul Kay, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos, Dennis Colusso, John Little, Fabio Cantalupo, Mark Koussas, Ian Hunter, David Mitchell, Ian Gray. Reserves: Brett Beeves, Chris Manou, Luciano Agnoro, Bruno Cozzella.



The "Soccer Action" — JAT Player of the Year, Jim Hermiston (right) in a tussle with Adelaide City's David Mitchell, runner-up in the voting.

Jim Hermiston of Brisbane Lions is the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year for the second successive season.

"Marvellous, great. That makes me feel much better," said the Queensland policeman when we rang him in Brisbane.

"I was injured in training and I missed my first match in four years on Sunday."

Hermiston, 34 this month, has damaged ligaments in his right knee but is confident of being fit for the Phillips Cup final in Canberra on Sunday.

Hermiston won the Yugoslav Airlines award with 82 votes.

Second was David Mitchell of Adelaide City Juventus with 78 and third Peter Wilson of APIA with 75.

Previous winners of the award were: 1976 Steve Koska (Vic) and Bruce Stowell (NSW); 1977 Jimmy Rooney; 1978: Ken Boden; 1979: Ivo Prskalo; 1980: Jim Hermiston.

Hermiston is a physical education instructor at the Queensland Police Academy.

His hobby is long distance running, which he plans to take up more seriously when he retires from soccer.

He recently won his first marathon against 70 police cadets in 3 hours 22 minutes, but he wants to get his marathon time down below three hours.

Apart from his soccer training, he runs five miles three or four times a week.

Hermiston's contact with Lions expires this year and he won't commit himself about his future until he's negotiated with the committee.

There's another potential soccer star in the Hermiston family — 13-year-old James who's just come back from Darwin where he played with the Queensland State under 13 team in the national championships.

Jim and his wife Maureen have two other children — Julie, 14, and Louise, 9.

Hermiston spent 10 years with Scottish club Aberdeen, mostly as a full back, but he played midfield when Aberdeen won the Scottish Cup final 3-1 against Celtic in 1976.

Among his team mates were Martin Buchan, Arthur Graham, Bobby Clarke and George Murray, who's now coach of Canberra City.

During that illustrious career, he won about a dozen

and in 1974 he was voted Scottish Player of the Year by the Players' Union.

He has three Scottish under 23 caps, played for the Scottish League three times, and he was in Scotland's preliminary 40-man World Cup squad in 1974 but did not make the final 22.

It was Queensland State League club Grange Thistle that brought him to Australia in 1977.

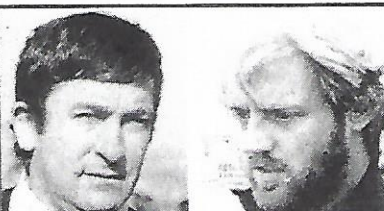
Grange loaned him to Brisbane City, which meant he played two games every weekend — one for each club.

He won a Caltech "Telegraph" Sportsman of the Month award after playing four games in as many days — an Ampol Cup semi-final for Grange on Friday night, PSL games for Brisbane City on Saturday and Sunday, and the Ampol Cup final for Grange on Monday night.

His \$30,000 transfer from City to Lions in 1978 remains the most expensive Australian domestic transfer.

Hermiston praised David Mitchell, his runner-up in this year's voting.

"He's a top young player," he said. "He's aggressive, he's got good control and he shields the ball very well. It's very hard to take it away from him."



Cedo Cirkovic

Peter Ollerton

J.U.S.T.'s chance for revenge

Footscray J.U.S.T. will try to turn the tables on its main tormentor, Preston-Makedonia, in a home-and-away challenge over the next two Sundays.

Makedonia has had the better of J.U.S.T. over the past few seasons.

But J.U.S.T. has the chance to get even when it meets Makedonia at Connor Reserve in Reservoir at 3 pm on Sunday and again at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, the following Sunday.

Prize money of \$2000 will go to the overall winner.

Both teams saved themselves from relegation this year with a remarkable comeback.

Makedonia replaced coach Brian Edgley with Peter Ollerton and bought Isaac Farrell and Richard Wilson from Canberra and Peter Boyle from West Adelaide Hellas.

Footscray J.U.S.T. coach Cedo Cirkovic persevered quietly until Zdravko Lujic and then Johan Verweij arrived to pep up an ailing forward line. Nebojsa Licanin from Yugoslavia was to have been another savior, but he flopped so badly that the club sent him home again.

The fortunes of Makedonia and J.U.S.T. have run parallel for most of the season.

At the half-way mark, for example, Makedonia was 12th and J.U.S.T. 13th. They still were in the same positions before the last round at the weekend.

But improvement is reflected in figures for the second half of the season. Whereas Makedonia scored 11 points in the first half, it added 14 points in the second half. J.U.S.T. did even better, notching 15 second-half points compared with 10 in the first half.

J.U.S.T. will use Milan Kojic and Slobodan Popovic in its challenge matches against Makedonia. Kojic, a forward, and Popovic, a sweeper, have been used by Northcote City since arriving this year from Yugoslavia, but they will switch to J.U.S.T. next season.

Anyone for a Cup final?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The betting for the Phillips Cup final at Canberra's Bruce Stadium on Sunday is not so much about who will win, but whether anyone will watch it.

A home and away final would have been much more desirable — and much more profitable.

Brisbane Lions are the firm favorites, but sentiment must favor West Adelaide Hellas, the unfortunate struggler which finished last in the national league.

The possibility of strengthening its case for readmission to the league by winning the Cup is foremost in the minds of the Hellas players and administrators.

But to achieve an upset result, Hellas desperately needs all its stars back.

Graeme Honeyman, Manecas, Con Kambas and Vic Bozanic have been among the recent absentees due to injury or suspension. Men like that are impossible to replace.

Coach Peter Jaksa, who hopes to go to Europe to import new players, acknowledges Lions' strengths but believes that with a full team, Hellas could end the year with the Cup as compensation for league failure.

But it's the Lions who have the form, the talent and the confidence to win the final.

Jim Hermiston, the leader of the Lions pack, will make a triumphant entry to the Bruce Stadium pitch, after having been voted the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year for the second successive season.

As usual, Hermiston's accurate long passes out of defence will determine the nature of Lions' play. Big Calvin Daunt is up front to nod the ball toward goal, or down onto the willing boots of Billy Wilson, who has been scoring regularly since arriving from Scotland mid-way through the year.

And in midfield, MacLean, Ferris and Hogg look a much tighter unit than any combination Jaksa is able to come up with.

Left back Alan Niven always plays a controlled game, always willing to attack, but ever mindful of his defensive duties as well. West Adelaide Hellas has no such full back when Vic Bozanic is unavailable.

Tom Forde, Ian McKie and Con Kambas, if available, will fight tooth and nail to shackle the Lions but it's goalkeeper Martyn Crook who will be the biggest stumbling block to the Queenslanders.

Crook has been in superlative form again this year and if Hellas snatches a fairytale victory, you can bet Crook will be chaired off the field by whatever spectators happen to be available.

Previous Cup winners were Brisbane City in 1977 and 1978, Adelaide City Juventus in 1979 and Marconi in 1980.

Ajax or Croydon for the Cup?

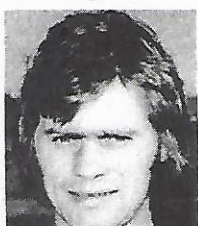
Green Gully Ajax will join to an odds on favorite for the 1981 Docketery Cup if it beats Croydon in Sunday's semi-final at Olympic Park No.2.

The other semi-finalists, Sunshine and Altona, clash at 1pm in the first game of Sunday's double header.

The draw for the semi-finals was made last Monday morning at Soccer House and dashed VSF hopes for a repeat of this year's Ampol Cup final between Ajax and Croydon.

The quarter-final defeat of Croatia has robbed the cup of much of its glamor but Sunshine and the relegated Altona have a last chance to snatch some solace from an otherwise dismal season.

Sunshine defender Dennis Marovic, badly concussed in the win over Croatia, won't be available for the Altona clash but winger Jimmy McRobert may be fit after



Jim McRobert

missing last Sunday's game through injury.

Ajax and Croydon should be able to field the same squads as they did last weekend and although Sunshine is growing in confidence the 1981 Docketery Cup should go to the winner of Sunday's second semi-final. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Egan, Gardiner, Toal, Bannon vie for medal



Bobby Toal

Charlie Egan of Frankston, John Gardiner of Ajax, Paddy Bannon of Croatia and Bobby Toal of George Cross should fight out the Victorian Rothmans Medal for the Best and Fairest player in the Victorian State League.

Bannon and Gardiner polled well in Ametco Travel's State League Player of the Year award while discussions I've had with referee and players suggest Egan and Toal should figure prominently in tomorrow night's (Thursday's) presentation at the Southern Cross hotel in Melbourne.

Gardiner has won the Rothmans Medal twice, in 1971 and 1972, while Bannon won the medal in 1974. No player has won a hat-trick of Rothmans Medal so a win to Gardiner would be a historic result.

If I have to stick out my neck and tip the winner then Egan's my pick.

I'm not at liberty to name the six referees I've spoken to about the ace Frankston scorer but, without exception they felt that Egan deserved protection from them because they saw him as the target for some rough treatment for defenders.

Some of these conversations took place before matches which prompts me to speculate how much referees take Egan's diminutive size and superb close ball skills into account.

I think Egan stands out in a game and I see him as one of a handful of players who immediately come under close scrutiny from referees.

I've spoken to a couple of George Cross players in recent weeks. They've asked referees about votes after George Cross's last seven State League games and the players concerned assure me that Toal has polled a staggering 15 votes from those games! Gardiner has been the best player in the State League for the past two years in which I've covered the league for "Soccer Action". I've got no reservations about making that claim. For me

there's not better football brain in Victoria. His vision, skill and attitude are second to none.

Paddy Bannon has had an outstanding season since joining Croatia from PSL club Heidelberg United just before the opening league game of the year.

Consistency has been the keynote to Bannon's success. His on-field temperament is excellent, something which impresses many referees.

Whatever the outcome, it should be a great night. The Rothmans Medal is the highlight of the soccer year. It's really a player's night, the one time when the soccer fraternity gathers to pay homage to the people who do it out on the field.

The rewards for the winner are enormous. Apart from the Rothmans Medal itself, the media coverage afforded to the lucky player means offers should come flooding in before the kick-off of the 1982 season. —CRAIG MACKENZIE.

Watson the man of the year

When the Joe Watson — John Stevenson partnership was split up late last year, I had my reservations about whether either player would retain the same level of effectiveness.

Now, with the season over, it gives me great pleasure to say that Joe Watson was the No. 1 winning factor in the champion Sydney City side.

He probably won't win any awards but to me, Watson was the league's Man of the Year. He has been a driving force not only this year, but in each of the three titles Sydney City has won over the past five years.

Close behind Watson was another winger, Phil O'Connor of APIA, who unfortunately was injured at the wrong time of year.

On paper, APIA has not been a team for the top of the league but O'Connor's influence was phenomenal. He was virtually a one-man band for so many games!

In my opinion, these two — O'Connor and Watson — where absolutely outstanding. Every time they did not play, their teams were not the same.

Watson has been in Australia for so long, yet his talents have never been properly exploited at national level, which remains a crying shame.

Jim Hermiston is another who's had an outstanding season — but that's not unusual for this Brisbane Lions star.

It is largely because of Hermiston's leadership that Lions found themselves competing for the top. He is a man of influence — just like Watson and O'Connor — a man who makes his mark on every game.

He is an authority out there on the park — he knows how to dictate the terms and, most important for a coach, he

plays every match. The man is never injured!

I also want to pay tribute to Footscray J.U.S.T.'s goalkeeper Dennis Boland. Again, I'm looking for players who have a big influence on their team, and Boland certainly fits into that category.

Some years ago, he was regarded as unpredictable, but at age 30, he is mature now, he is settled and he is one of the soundest goalkeepers in the league.

Boland and Zdravko Lujic spearhead J.U.S.T.'s revival, but Boland had the greater influence because unlike Lujic, he played the entire season.

John Perin again was the most influential player at Adelaide City. Every time he played well, the team played well. Ability-wise, Perin always has been a freak. He's been a bit temperamental, which hasn't helped him, but while they say that discipline can replace class, I don't think it can replace super-class.

Ian Souness of Sydney City also is a temperamental player but he, along with Watson, was a driving force of the team, and it was his extraordinary shooting power that enabled Sydney City to win many a tight game.

Alan Evans is another leader of the Jim Hermiston mould. Technically flawless, the focal point of South Melbourne's attack, a man who offers himself for every ball, Evans stands among the giants of the national competition and defenders often are intimidated by his authority.

While these have been the outstanding personalities of 1981, let's also list the men who will replace them in the seasons to come.

They are David Mitchell (Adelaide City), Graham Jennings, Peter Katholos (Sydney Olympic), Bruce James (Blacktown), Marshall Soper

My vote for Joke of the Year goes to the Rene Houseman farce.

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RALE RASIC

(APIA), Jim Patikas (Sydney City), Bruno Cozeilla (Footscray), Charlie Ykankos (Heidelberg) all young players who have shown remarkable ability this year, so much so that they are destined to be the Watsons, O'Connors and Evanses of the future.

As for the top coaches of 1981, my nod goes to George Potter of Brisbane City and Willie Wallace of APIA, for neither club was expected to do as well as it did.

I also congratulate Eddie Thomson for having won a second successive championship with Sydney City.

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SOULNESS MY CHOICE

He's immensely talented . . . he's a fierce competitor . . . he has the correct attitude . . . he can win a game off his own bat and make the spectators sit up every time he gets the ball.

For me he's Australia's Soccer Player of The Year and a player who will have a big say in this country's international future.

That is how I describe Sydney City's Ian Souness, the man who was the key to the Slickers' 1981 PSL championship win.

Souness has had a marvellous season. Here is a young man with talent unlimited.

During the year he was moved from fullback to midfield and had the ability to handle either position with great ease and accomplishment.

So much so that he ended as the Slickers' joint leading scorer with Ken Boden, with 12 goals.

That I may add, is not a bad effort for a defender.

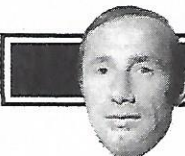
As a present-day Australian player, Souness is something different — something special. He is it all and this, plus the complete approach to professionalism, makes him a rare and valuable player indeed.

Like, I said, for my money this fellow has been the outstanding player in Australia this year.

Mind you, there have been other fine performers, including his team mate Joe Watson.

Watson also has had a fine season, but the only thing that kept "Jinkin Joe" that shade behind Souness is that his finishing is not as lethal.

And a player who can finish as well as be an expert in lead up work is what every coach is looking for.



TOM ANDERSON

Other credible performers have been APIA — Leichhardt's Phil O'Connor, South Melbourne Hellas's Alan Evans and Sydney Olympic's Jim Ziras and Peter Katholos.

My selection as Coach of the Year goes to the Slickers' Eddie Thomson.

Thomson has been in this coaching game for two years and in both years he captured the PSL title.

What a tremendous record and what more can a coach do. Heady Eddie approaches soccer in a level-headed and completely professional manner.

He concentrates on the basics and has introduced a well-organised system of play into the Slickers' ranks which allows individual freedom to players like Souness, Watson, Boden and Kosmina.

His two PSL title wins in two years is a record Thomson can be proud of.

There are a number of players who had to be considered for the "Rookie of the Year" title.

Young Lions such as South Melbourne's Steve Blair, Adelaide City's David Mitchell and Sydney Olympic's Peter Ras-kopoulos were all well to the fore.

But my selection is APIA-Leichhardt's dynamic young striker Marshall Soper.

Like Souness, Soper is a certainty to become a Soccerero in the not too distant future.

Here is a youngster who has all the attributes to make a top striker — he's brave, can score goals and can take and give the knocks that are part and parcel of a striker's lot in present day soccer.

But I must congratulate all players and coaches in the PSL this season for their professionalism and desire to improve.

I only hope that this attitude will rub off on some of our "amateur" administrators. Then maybe the game will get somewhere in Australia.



Souness scores

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CASH FOR CLASS IS SLICKERS' MOTTO

Sydney Slickers have proven again that it pays to spend top money to buy quality.

With so many successful businessmen in their ranks it is not surprising that the Slickers are prepared to back the old business adage "you have got to speculate to accumulate."

Through the years they have always bought truly top players, from Leo Baumgartner, to John Watiss, through to recent buys Ken Boden and latterly John Kosmina.

Boden and Kosmina this year have added that touch of extra class to a team which already had gifted performers in Joe Watson, Kevin Mullen and Ian Souness.

Sydney City provides an interesting contrast with arch Sydney rival, St George BSC, which until the advent of the Phillips League had kept pace with the Slickers through many years of State League rivalry.

St George's board of directors, similar to that of Sydney City's, is mostly made up of Hungarians of Jewish background.

St George's board has remained stable over more than two decades, just as has the Slickers' board, with Alex Pengrass and Frank Lowy the bosses.

Saint's leadership is more of a dictatorship than that at Sil-



Mike Johnson

hit St George, producing a situation where young full-back David Skeen was operating in a midfield role.

Saints have lost the coveted State league title, partly because they were not prepared to spend money to keep a top playing staff.

St George have used the excuse that the building of the stadium has taken up their money in recent years.

This is not correct, the ongoing monetary policy with its tight fisted approach was a fact of life long before the building of the St George stadium.

Sydney City always has been prepared to pay their best players the best money in the land in the knowledge that if you want the best you have to pay for it.

This policy of buying class and looking after it has meant that a whole series of different coaches have brought titles to the Slickers.

In recent years Dave McLaren, Gerry Chalki and now Eddie Thomson have all enhanced their reputations as coaches through taking charge of class players operating under a stable and professional management structure.

This year's team is probably more competitive than those which operated under the Chalki regime.

It certainly is more direct and dynamic — an indication

played better soccer than this year, ironically away from his partner, John Stevenson (South Melbourne) with whom previously he had an almost instinctive understanding.

Watson only lacks speed to have made it as a top European player and even here relies on defenders over-committing themselves to tackles or failing to track him down after he plays "wall passes" at which he is so adept.

Like Stevenson he is a beautiful crosser of a ball.

Steve O'Connor at the back of Slickers is probably the quickest stopper playing in the Phillips league.

It is a pity a certain instability of temperament stops him from making his mark at a higher level.

The same remark might be made of bull back Mullens.

Souness has emerged as a player of dynamic class whose powerful kicking can transfer the point of attack from one wing to another from his mid-field position.

His reputation as a winner of games from free kicks all precede him into next season which may make it harder for him to reduce goalkeepers to frustrated tears as was the case with Peter Laumets in the critical game with South Melbourne-Hellas.

So what does 1982 offer Slickers' rivals?

Probably a more formidable opponent than this year, with the addition of Adelaide City's David Mitchell and West Adelaide's Martin Crook.

RELIEF FOR NESTI

APIA 1 Marconi 1

Ground: Leichhardt Oval
Crowd: 4248
Referee: Stuart Mellings R
Goals: Soper 20; Mariani 75

Yellow cards: Soper
Red cards: Nil

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, McAusland 6, Pullen 7, Wilson 8, Bradley 7, Butler 9, Keffe 8, Hughes 7, Soper 8 (Marshall 67), O'Connor 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Praskalo 7, Degney 6, Byrne 7, Krncevic 7, Johnston 6, Sharne 7, Henderson 6, Jankovic 7.

In an evenly fought game at Leichhardt Oval, some 4000 spectators had their first glimpse of what is in store for us should we take on the new season of soccer.

The lighting was superb, the game was attractive and what little there was of scoring was well worth waiting for. It might not have been the "real McCoy", but the scene was close enough to what one should expect during summer.

The humidity and the heat certainly wasn't on show but all other aspects of the proposals for the new season were there.

Marshall Soper scored for APIA Leichhardt very early in the piece, and Bertie Mariani replied for the Fairfields late in the game to give Marconi its first point in many weeks.

It was a welcome relief for Luciane Nesti, the man who took over from Raul Blanco close to the end of the season. In fact one might think Nesti a little lucky to get the point.

A cross by Peter Sharne, from the corner kick, was superbly headed by Bertie Mariani wide of Woodhouse to make it 1-1.

"Lucky" Luciane?

No, not really. In fact had Marconi taken some of the chances created the points might have gone well away from Leichhardt, some 20 km away.



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING 8

Leichhardt opened the scoring in the 20th minute following a good build up on the left hand side. Phil O'Connor managed to create some space before knocking the ball to the right to find a completely unmarked Bradley. The APIA midfielders wasted no time in crossing the ball to Soper who found the net with a neat header from metres away.

The arm went up "a la Chanon style" and the APIA supporters went wild.

Young Soper continued to be a thorn in Marconi's defence, but appeared also to be interested in some private duels. He was booked following a foul on Eddie Krncevic after the game was stopped and was lucky to get away with the yellow card only. Minutes later he was replaced by Willie Wallace, the coach of Leichhardt, obviously to keep the 1st from yet another card.

RED

An enthusiastic and talented player, Soper should know better than to get carried away. He was close to leading in the top scoring hunt for 1981 and needed to stay on the park in order to score goals - not otherwise.

Butler for Leichhardt and Mariani for Marconi were in great form - one might even say, they are maturing like a good wine, for both displayed some fine skills.

Tony Henderson, a surprise selection in the forward line, was followed by Mark Pullen all over the park, while Peter Wilson made Mark Janovic's working day fairly difficult throughout.



APIA's Terry Butler wins the ball in the air, against Heidelberg opponent Andy Bozikas (left). In the middle is John Bradley.

Canberra men lose \$1750

Canberra 1 Makedonia 0

Score: Gibson.

CANBERRA: Hosowski 9, Cole 8, Byrne 8, M. O'Shea 5, Moutsopoulos 7, (Mazza, 41st 7); MacLaren 7 (Valeri 58th 7); J. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7; Gibson 7, Purdie 8, Brennan 7.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 9, Beach 7, Rainey 7, Petrovski 7, Ollerton 7 (McIvor 45th 7), Boyle 8, Whittle 7, Lucchesi, Farrell 7; Cullen, Brown.

Cautions: Brown, Purdie.

Crowd: 3142.

Weather: Fine, sunny.

Ref: J. Fearn (Melbourne).

Canberra ended the 1981 season with victory and with best-ever achievement on two counts - fifth position and 33 points.

But the home team made heavy weather of their last-match solitary goal victory.

It should have been wrapped up and signed, sealed and delivered at half-time.

Two things prevented that happening - over-anxiousness and the brilliance of Preston's ex-Canberra goalkeeper, Richard Wilson.

In fact it was a game in which the goalkeepers stole the limelight.

Tragically for Wilson his one mistake of the game was to give Canberra victory. It came after just 10 minutes.

Canberra's 10th minute free-kick on the left flank was taken quickly by front-runner Ian Gibson and he struck the ball perfectly. But it wasn't that which beat Wilson. It was the wind, for it was that which swerved the ball in the air, caused Wilson to mis-judge the centre and see it finally squeeze between his fingers and into the net.

But within minutes Wilson showed superb agility to prevent what looked like another.

Duncan Cole's long through was headed on by Tony Brennan and then John O'Shea's final header looked destined for the top left hand corner - until Wilson somehow got his fingers to the ball to tip it over the bar for a corner.

Again, just five minutes later, Wilson was in superb form as he saved a sizzling Ian Purdie shot.

But still it was a first half that should have seen Canberra put the issue well and truly beyond doubt.

For them it was a day to remember with despair.

Yes, despair, not happiness over a win, but with one more goal each man would have collected a \$500 bonus.

But more than that another premeditated fourth position on the league ladder would have meant another \$1250 a man.

So for one goal and one point each player went out of pocket at a staggering \$1750.

Within minutes of the second half beginning, Canberra's frustration at not being able to score a second goal was evident.

As was his defence one of Mass was sent to sweeper and skipper Terry Byrne to midfield.

Again Byrne had a great game. He so thoroughly deserves his nickname as "Mr Unflappable".

Canberra back-peddled and differed in defence and as Preston lifted their game they were the better and more constructive attacking team.

Player coach Peter Ollerton replaced himself with Ron McIvor and brought on Claude Lucchesi for Alan Whittle.

Lucchesi, Doug Brown and Robert Cullen proved to be

Bravo Hellas, bravo Marconi

Marconi 1 SM-Hellas 1

Ground: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 2745.
Referee: D. Campbell 9.
Scores: Buljovic 42, Krncevic 49.

Cautions: Nil.
MARCONI: A. Maher 7, P. Degney 7, T. Henderson 6, I. Praskalo 7, G. Byrne 8, P. Sharne 7, (Ian Hunter 45; 7), B. Mariani 9, S. Johnson 7, D. Tomashich 7, E. Krncevic 8, M. Jankovic 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: P. Laumens 7, V. Bannon 7, S. Blair 7, B. Lutton 7, A. Xanthopoulos 7, B. Rogers 8, J. Stevenson 7, S. Woddin 6, J. Shirra 7, A. Evans 7, B. Buljovic 8.

For a match that had no bearing on the final outcome of the competition, both teams deserve high praise for the excellent show which they produced.

Marconi obviously was keen to do well before its home crowd after such a poor season and probably had a little more incentive than South Melbourne Hellas. This does not



Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING: 9

take anything away from Hellas, but it does reflect some what which team had the better of play.

Both sides opened at a fast pace which obviously could not be maintained for the full 90 minutes given the warm conditions. We therefore saw 70 minutes of champagne soccer, followed by a final 20 minutes of second gear stuff - says a lot for summer soccer.

The first real shot of the match came in the 12' when Steve Woddin ran infield from the right flank and let

one go from about the edge of the area. It was a booming effort and although Alan Maher had it well covered it looked as though it was going to break him in half. A minute later Hellas had another chance when Jim Shirra sent a cross to an unmarked Branko Buljovic. To Buljovic's sorrow it was inches too high so an open goal was wasted.

All this time Marconi had been having the better of the play territorially but it had been doing very little in the way of creating chances. The two South Melbourne near misses however stirred Marconi into life and in the 17' Eddie Krncevic let loose with a brilliant angled shot from the right after Gary Byrne had placed him in the clear with an immaculate ball. Peter Laumens was equal to the task and pulled off an equally brilliant save.

Only minutes later Marconi had further chances. Stuart Johnson pushed one just past the post, then Sharne put one over the bar.

South Melbourne however always looked dangerous on the break and John Stevenson came very close when he cracked one into the bar from 25 metres out.

This attack and counter attack style predominated for the remainder of the first half. Marconi had numerous chances, but as for most of the season they couldn't find the net and it was left to Hellas to show how it was done. It came in the 42' when Woddin possessed a defender and pushed the ball to an onrushing Buljovic who was unopposed and charged into the area to neatly slot the ball past a lonely Alan Maher.

The final time score line read 1:0 to South Melbourne but you wondered what it would have been if Marconi hadn't forgotten how to score.

After the break Peter Sharne was replaced by Ian Hunter who immediately made his presence felt and scored the second goal in the 46' and then in Marconi's equaliser in the 49'. It came from a long ball into the area which Krncevic headed down to Hunter who coolly tapped it back in for Krncevic to chip into the net.

But they couldn't pass Wilson for a second time.

They deserved - or more correctly Ian Purdie deserved to have scored with a great second half shot that Wilson fingered onto the post and then, a split-second later, was once more on hand to save Ian Gibson's ground shot.

Canberra won, Preston lost, yet they gave the 3142 fans a thoroughly entertaining and exciting last game of the season.

It was one to remember and reflect.

For Canberra's players \$1750 good reasons to be sad.



Peter Windsor

MATCH RATING: 9

lively forwards in that second half.

They combined for several clever movements that cut swathes through Canberra's defence. Twice we saw Robert Cullen was away and clear and twice Canberra's goalkeeper, Steve Hosowski was on hand to save.

Hosowski was to excel even more at the 79th minute mark.

Turner sinks Lions

Bris. Lions 0 Blacktown 1

Score: Turner.
Ground: Richlands.
Crowd: At. 1000.
Weather: Fine.
Referee: C. Amos 8.

BRISBANE LIONS - Lownds 7, Ontong 6, Niven 7, Burns 8, Wilson 8, McLean 6, Ferris 7, Hogg 6, Low 6 (Ogden 65th, 61, Daunt 6, Williams 7).

BLACKTOWN - James 7, Wheatley 7, Milenovic 7, Pointer 7, Rasmussen 7, O'Donnell 8, Salvage 7, Krstic 7, Horzabahl 6, Turner 6, Burrows 7.

Brisbane Lions lost only their second home match of the season going down 1-0 to relegation doomed Blacktown, playing for the first time without centre backs Col Bennett and Jim Hermiston.

Bennett has been missing for three weeks and also was on 11 points so the club may have decided not to risk him before Sunday's Phillips Cup Final.

Hermiston had a leg injury but he hopes to be fit for Canberra while winger Craig Low was replaced in the second half with a leg injury.

The situation meant Lions had to pair Alan Niven and young Paul Burns as the centre back duo.

Lions lacked the punch they

have displayed in the latter part of the season and the loss cost them the chance of finishing in the top four.

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kept his nose in front till the last whistle.

This win puts Olympic in ninth place on the League table, but only three points behind the third placed side. This state of affairs will indicate once more the evenly balanced competition for 1981.

Sydney Olympic did not fare all that well at the start of the season and fell behind before the break. With 18 minutes gone Peter Wilson stood helpless as Clive Campbell drove a low shot past him following a superb back-heel by Arno Bertogna.

Doug Collins, the Olympic coach, decided to make a substitution at half time bringing Derek Laing on for Chris Townson. Laing's speed and enthusiasm rubbed salt on his fellow players and Olympic started to put it all together.

Despite its territorial advantage Olympic looked unable to get through this well organised defence until 20 minutes from time. Willis handled inside the penalty area and Ziras made no mistake from the spot to make it 1-1, then came Olympic's last fling.

Ken Wilson had a screamer saved by Vardareff, then Graham Jennings looked in disbelief as the 'Gong keeper latched onto his shot.

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Sydney City celebrates with a goal spree

**Sydney City 5
Adel. City 3**

Scorers: — Slickers: Souness 30 sec, 7th; Barnes 17th; Mullen 50th; Patikas 87th. Adelaide: Mella 4th; Mitchell 6th; Jones 56th. Venue — Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: 2106. **Conditions:** Good. **Referee Rating:** P. Ramplay — 8.



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 8

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Cant 7 — Spanos 7 (Lee 70th), Barnes 7, Souness 9 (Patikas 76th) — Watson 8, Kosmina 7, Boden 7.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVEN-TUS: Prabytski 6 (Parrison 6, 60th) — Russell 6, Jones 7, Perin 7, B. Nyshokus 7 — Dods 6, Marocchi 7, Mella 8, Signore 7, Mitchell 7, J. Nyshokus 7.

The 1981 PSL champions, Sydney City Hakoah celebrated its title win in front of its home supporters in carnival style.

The Slickers went for broke from the start, with an untrusting attitude, and attack was the order of the day.

The result was that five goals were scored in the opening 17 minutes.

The brilliant Ian Souness showed the way when he rattled one home in typical Souness fashion in 30 seconds.

This started the goal glut and with the Slickers in a mood where they did not care if they lost a goal to get two, it was champagne soccer.

Following the great Souness effort, Sergio Mella, David Mitchell, Souness again from a penalty and Murray Barnes all netted to make the score 3-2 at the interval.

More was to come in the second half and Kevin Mullen, David Jones and Jim Patikas all got their names on the scoresheet.

This was entertaining stuff and goals are what soccer is all about.

It's only a great pity that there was not a big crowd in attendance to witness this entertainment.

But with the weather brilliant, the Sydney beaches were packed and surely this is a pointer to the advocates of summer soccer. When the weather is hot in NSW the last place the sports fans want to be is in a football stadium.

In stating this I think that I must be fair when I say that the official crowd announced left much to the imagination.

But back to the soccer and the Slickers proved that they are worthy champions.

Their first team squad is strong and there is great depth.

Coach Eddie Thomson has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is a true professional and a man who knows what this game of soccer is all about.

To win two PSL championships in your first two seasons as coach surely must be a record, and a proud one at that.

Eddie Thomson must be Australia's soccer Coach of the Year.

But of course the leadership and example for any team must come from the top and in the Slickers' director Andrew Lederer, City has the best.

This man's record is second to none and here is an administrator who's achievements are on the board and it is a record that nothing can be taken away from.

All eyes were on Adelaide's David Mitchell in this game.

It is no secret that the Slickers would like to add this youngster to their already powerful squad.

In this game Mitchell showed that he has immense talent but found the going hard against the quick-tackling Slickers.

However in a better team and with more experience under his belt he is surely a young champion of the future.

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The State Minister of Ethnic Affairs, Immigration and Housing, Mr Jeff Kennett was guest of honor at a recent South Melbourne Hellas home match. Mr Kennett (left) is pictured with Hellas president Sam Pappasavas.

Honeyman and Topaz lift West

**West Adel. 1
Brisb. City 1**

Scorers: P. Wilkinson (Bris. City) 26th min; Forde (West) 76th.

Cautions: Hamilton, Caldwell (Brisbane City).

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 1500.

Weather: Fine.

Referee: Jim Rossis 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Maric 8, Forde 8, Tozes 8, McKie 7 — Honeyman 6, McGregor 7, Wright 8 — Smythe 6, Stefanopoulos 6 (Kowalski 7), Lorenson 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Caldwell 7, Dunne 8, Ratcliffe 7, B. Wilkinson 7 — Gaffney 7, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7 — Kelso 8, P. Wilkinson 8, Connor 7.

West Adelaide, written off as the possible Phillips Cup winner last week after its poor performance against Brisbane Lions, is back in the reckoning after a vigorous effort against Lions' cousins, Brisbane City.

With Graham Honeyman and Shraga Topaz back after suspension, West showed some glimpses of class, particularly in the second half.

Indeed, it could have turned a first half deficit into a last minute win if Zoran Maric's booming 35 metre rocket had not hit the crossbar.

Twelve minutes earlier West had equalised when Jimmy Wright found Topaz lurking at the near post.

Topaz flicked the ball into the middle where Tom Forde jumped up with a host of other players to get the decisive touch.

Though the goal had an element of luck about it, West deserved the equaliser because it had earlier been dogged with bad luck in front of goal.

Twice Peter Kowalski, a second half substitute, had blown chances with the City defence in disarray.

And if that was not bad enough referee Jim Rossis had disallowed a "goal" one minute before City scored in the first half.

Vic Smythe struck a firm shot in to the far corner but goalkeeper Kim Wishart moved off his line, putting a West Adelaide player off-side although a defender was on the goal line.

But Brisbane City had its chances too. Kelso and Wilkinson formed an effective attack and gave West many problems.

Ian McKie cleared twice within minutes in the second half as Kelso and Wilkinson were set to pounce with Crook in trouble.

A goal then certainly would have killed off West.

West midfielder Jimmy Wright, the Scottish import, played a big part in the draw.

He was behind many of West's attacks and it is difficult to understand why this talented player was allowed to waste his talents with West's Second Division team at a time when the club had a chance of avoiding relegation.

Wright is now one of West's big hopes in its bid to win the Phillips Cup next week when it confronts Brisbane Lions in Canberra.

Unfortunately, midfielder Vic Bozanic will again be missing because he has not yet recovered from a facial injury he sustained in West's 3-2 win over Footscray last month.

However defender Con Kambas resumed training last week after illness and sat on the bench against Brisbane City.

If coach Peter Jaksa fields him against Lions this will



Meno Toutsidis

MATCH RATING: 7

allow him to play Topaz in the midfield.

While Lions must start favourites, West needs only to improve on its form against Brisbane City to clinch the Cup and atone for two 3-1 losses to Brisbane Lions this season.

Footscray foiled by Dando

**Foots. JUST 0
Newcastle 1**

Goal: Heys 50th.

Venue: Schintler Reserve.

Crowd: 2800.

Cautions: Kyriakoulas (JUST).

Referee: Mellings 7.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 6 — Kyriakoulas 7, Kondarios 8, O'Reilly 8, Hazabent 6 — Jovanovic 7, Milne 8, Kakantonis 6 — Cozzella 6 (Hoski 72nd), Vorwaj 6, Lujic 6.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD: Dando 9 — Curran 8, Drinkwater 7, Mason 7, Tredinnick 7 — Buckley 6 (injured, sub. Gosling 81st), Senkalski 7, Jones 7 — Heys 8, McClelland 6, Stamp 6 (Kainasz 6, half time).

Newcastle survived tremendous pressure in their final round match to beat Footscray JUST 1-0 at Schintler Reserve.

Newcastle's hero was goalkeeper Phil Dando who saved two goal-bound shots from Jim Milne and one from Jim Kondarios.

The winning goal came from a well constructed move five minutes from half time.

Joe Senkalski played a fine pass across the penalty area to Ian Buckley who cut inside and had his shot blocked by goalkeeper Dennis Boland.

Boland was still on the ground as Graeme Heys followed up to put the ball into the net.

Buckley suffered a recurrence of his notorious knee injury in a clash with Steve



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING: 6

Kakantonis late in the second half, and Newcastle had to send on goalkeeper Clint Gosling as a substitute in attack.

Newcastle played without key midfielder Steve Sumner and fullback Paul Reaney, both injured.

JUST should have surged to a comfortable lead early in the match, with Slobodan Jovanovic and Zdravko Lujic running strongly.

However, Dando made brilliant saves from a header by Kondarios in the third minute and from a powerful shot by Milne in the 10th minute.

JUST continued to set up scoring chances from the left wing runs of Lujic but failed to capitalise.

Newcastle replaced Alf Stamp with David Kamasz at half time and Heys established the winning lead shortly afterwards.

But JUST fought back and dominated the final period, with defenders Kyriakoulas and Kondarios pushing up into the penalty area.

Dando made two more brilliant saves late in the game, from Lujic and Milne.

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COLE IS KING AGAIN

**Heidelberg 1
APIA 0**

Scorers: Gary Cole 16th.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6; McMillan 6, Yzendoorn 6; Provan 6, Yankos 7; Solenidas 7, Taylor 6, Rooney 6, Tozikas 6, Cole 6, Campbell 7.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7, Skellern 6, Jullen 6, Wilson 7, Gray 6; Jutler 6, Coyne 6, Bradley 6; O'Connor 7, Hughes 6, Morullo 7.

Venue: Olympic Park No. 2.

Crowd: 2000.

Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic.) 7.

Cautions: Oliver, Skellern.

Heidelberg finished the season on a winning note to underline the tremendous revival it has undergone since the return of Len McKendry in June.

The team's record under him reads eight wins, four draws and three defeats and that lifted the club from a relegation candidate to a comfortable midtable position.

McKendry now will go to

England and West Germany for three weeks to refresh his ideas on coaching before taking a short holiday to then take over the pre-season training for the first time since his connection with the club.

The game on Sunday was all over in the first quarter of an hour after Gary Cole had opened the scoring to finish the season as league top scorer.

Jim Campbell set the goal up with an overhead kick which hit the crossbar.

The ball rebounded nicely to Cole's feet in the six-yard box and he had the simple task of tapping the ball into an empty net while Greg Woodhouse valiantly tried to recover from the jump he made to try to stop the first shot.

Woodhouse made three excellent saves in the first half to deny Andy Bozikas, and Jim Campbell twice.

Campbell filled in the attacker's role in place of Jamie Paton and worked extra hard as a foil for Cole but every time he came near goal his good work was thwarted by the keeper.

Cole himself had the chance to add to his goalscoring tally but was wide with two of his attempts while Woodhouse also made a good off him seven minutes from half time.

Not to be outdone at the other end, Jeff Oliver spread himself well to block a shot from John Coyne after the midfielder had been put through by the hardworking Tony McSello.

Phil O'Connor was among Leichhardt's best players with his running down either flank



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING: 6

but wasted his good work with poor finishing on three occasions.

His worst miss came within a minute of Cole's goal when he raced through the middle and had only the keeper to beat but his chip sailed well over the bar as well as eluding Oliver.

After the activity in the first half, the second period provided complete contrast with the game reduced to walking pace and very few clearcut chances.

Referee Chris Bambridge provided the only worthwhile highlights, booking Rod Skellern and Jeff Oliver as well as going to both benches to speak to the coaches sternly, obviously over some of the comments they were making from the touchline.

Just before the end Campbell broke through down the left but again Woodhouse denied him the goal he deserved, turning his shot away for a corner.

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1. (1) Sydney City Hakoah	11	4	0	37	14	8	1	6	22	16	59:30 43
2. (2) Sth Melbourne Hellas	11	2	2	25	10	2	11	2	16	17	40:27 39
3. (3) Brisbane City	9	4	2	24	9	3	7	5	13	16	37:25 35
4. (4) APIA-Leichhardt	7	7	1	25	13	5	4	6	14	18	39:33 35
5. (7) Canberra City	7	4	4	27	17	6	3	6	14	15	41:32 33
6. (5) Brisbane Lions	9	4	1	23	9	2	7	7	18	24	41:33 33
7. (6) Adelaide City Juventus	9	2	4	22	13	4	4	7	24	29	46:42 32
8. (9) Heidelberg-Alexander	6	4	5	19	16	6	3	6	29	24	48:40 31
8. (8) Sydney Olympic	8	5	2	25	17	3	4	8	21	29	46:46 31
10. (10) Newcastle KB United	5	5	5	25	17	6	3	6	16	24	40:37 30
11. (11) Wollongong	5	7	3	24	20	3	5	7	11	19	35:39 28
12. (12) Preston Macedonia	7	4	4	28	14	2	3	10	11	27	39:41 25
13. (13) Footscray JUST	7	5	3	21	14	2	2	11	11	34	32:48 25
14. (14) Marconi-Datsun	6	3	6	16	20	3	4	8	7	25	23:45 25
15. (15) Blacktown City	4	4	8	18	25	2	5	7	14	22	32:47 21
16. (16) West Adelaide Hellas	4	3	8	16	23	1	1	13	10	34	26:57 14

TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

DANDO (2)
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CURRAN (1)
(Newcastle)

MARIANI (2)
(Marconi)

TOPAZ (2)
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MARICIC (1)
(West Adel)

MELTA (2)
(Adel City)

SOUNESS (4)
(Syd. City)

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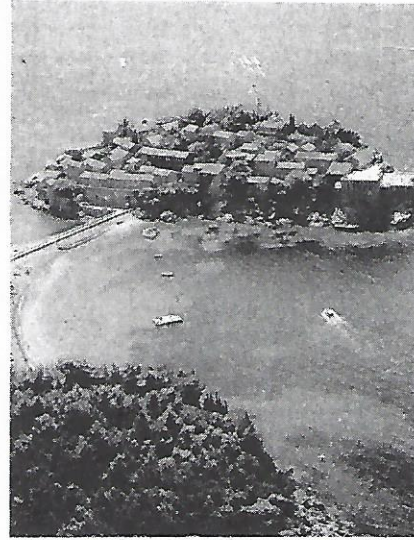
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Heys) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:
6. Dando (N), 5. Heys (N), 4. Kondorics (JUST), 3. Curran (N), 2. Milne (JUST), 1. O'Reilly (JUST).

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Gibson) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:
6. Hoszowski (Can), 5. Wilson (Mak), 4. T. Byrne (Can), 3. Cullen (Mak), 2. Boyle (Mak), 1. Purdie (Can).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Ford) BRISBANE CITY 1 (P. Wilkinson) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Meno Toulalidis:
6. Maricic (WA), 5. Topaz (WA), 4. Ford (WA), 3. P. Wilkinson (BC), 2. Crook (WA), 1. Kelso (BC).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Turner) at Ricklands. Votes by Bruce Weddell:
6. O'Donnell (Black), 5. Burns (BL), 4. Burrows (Black), 3. Wilson (BL), 2. Krstic (Black), 1. Ferris (BL).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Cole) APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 at Olympic Park. Votes by Dick Prendergast:
6. Woodhouse (APIA), 5. Campbell (B'berg), 4. Morasello (APIA), 3. Selemidic (B'berg), 2. O'Connor (APIA), 1. Wilson (APIA).

6. Vardareff (W), 5. Redfern (SO), 4. Tredinnick (W), 3. Scott (SO), 2. Ainsworth (W), 1. Raskopoulos (SO).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (Soper) MARCONI-DATSON 1 (Mariani) at Lambert Park. (mid-week). Votes by Roger She-rack:
6. Mariani (Marc), 5. Butler (APIA), 4. Kafka (APIA), 3. Soper (APIA), 2. Wilson (APIA), 1. Woodhouse (APIA).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 5 (Souness) 2. Barnes, Mullen, Patikas) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 3 (Melta, Mitchell, Jones) at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Tom Anderson:
6. Souness (SC), 5. Melta (AC), 4. Watson (SC), 3. B. Nye-kohus (AC), 2. Kosmins (SC), 1. Mullen (SC).

How the leaders finished:
82. Harmiston (BL),
78. Mitchell (AC),
77. Wilson (APIA),
72. Yzondoom (H'berg), T. Byrne (Can),
68. Crook (WA),
67. Bennett (BL), Woodhouse (APIA),
64. Dunleavy (Woll),
61. Boland (JUST),
60. Evans (SM-Hellas).

Top scorers:
16. Cole (H'berg),
14. Evans (SM-Hellas),
13. Souness (SC), Soper (APIA).

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LOU DENYS: Goalkeeper. Established a new State League record of 100 consecutive league appearances. He has not missed a league match since joining the club from St Albans in April 1977.



GORDON WALLACE: Striker. Signed on a free transfer from Scottish Second Division club Cowdenbeath earlier this year. The complete footballer with excellent close ball skills and reads the game well. Unlucky to be hit by injury but sure to bounce back. Age 32.



DAVID HOGGEN: Utility. Third season in senior soccer after breaking into the first team in August 79. A tight marker. David is also a keen overlayer who is bound to benefit from playing alongside John Gardiner. Age 19.



GUS MCLEOD: Striker. Has already proved his worth by top scoring in the Ampol Cup and scoring the winning goal in the final. Was sought by Bobby McLachlan after seeing a century of goals in Scottish non league soccer with leading club Pollock. Prior to that served St Mirren, Hamilton and Barwick Rangers, during a period of eight years. Age 30.



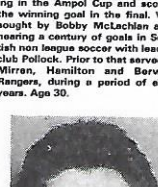
STUART CANNELL: Centre back. Signed from Altona City for \$2000 in January. Came to Australia in June '79 after playing for Doncaster Rovers in English 4th Division. Age 21.



LINO GRECH: Goalkeeper. A product of Ajax's junior policy. Small but agile with razor sharp reflexes. Age 19.



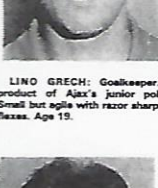
JIM WILLIAMS: Midfielder. \$4000 from Heidelberg. Jim came from South Liverpool to play for Slavia. He was in the Slavia side which lost to Gully in the Ampol Cup final in 1979. Age 27.



KEVIN WALL: Striker. Came up through the juniors at Frankston Pines and was an instant hit in his first State League season last year ending up as Frankston City's top scorer with 12 goals in 20 league games. Was chased by five clubs after being awarded a free transfer.



GERRY BENNETT: Fullback. Came to Gully at the same time as Billy Morrey last year. A tireless worker who contributed greatly to the club's league success and Ampol Cup win. Age 22.



PETER LEWIS: Fullback. Signed from Altona for a bargain \$1000. Came to Australia in March '78 and spent two years at Sunshine before moving to Altona in June '78. Captained the Maroons for two seasons. Age 25.



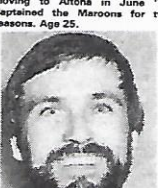
PAUL LEWIS: Striker. A real individualist who shapes up as a top class player. Tremendous shot and great speed. Signed from English non-league outfit Oswestry Town this year. Age 20.



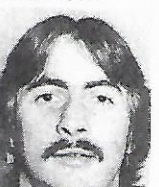
ALAN BENNETT: Midfielder. Another of Ajax's UK imports. Signed on a free from Scottish club East Stirling. Hard working with good disposal. Age 25.



KIT GREECHAN: Midfielders. Signed in a swap deal from Western Suburbs. The first division club got \$1500 in cash and Billy Vojtek as player-coach in exchange. Came to Australia in 1977 after playing for Celtic's reserves and Peterhill in Scotland. Age 25.



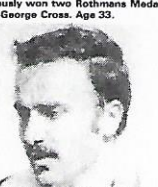
JOHN GARDINER: Signed for \$5000 in February from Croatia which he led to league and cup honours. Spent 8 months with Hales in the PSL in 1977. Previously won two Rothmans Medals at George Cross. Age 33.



MICHAEL LUKAC: Goalkeeper. First tasted senior soccer with Ajax in last year's Victoria Cup series where he performed well. The highlight of his first team experience was his penalty save against Hakoah striker Graham French. Age 20.



BILLY MORREY: Winger. Billy joined Gully from Marine (UK). Good turn of speed and is not easy to dispossess with his tank like build. Age 29.



WILLIE VASSALO: Midfielder. The only player apart from Lou Denys who played in both Ampol Cup finals. First brought over on a two year loan from Floriana in Malta then secured on a permanent basis last season for \$4000. Formerly the captain of both Floriana and the Maltese national team. Age 30.



DANE BERANIC: Won the 1980 Weinstein Medal as the best junior player in Victoria. Skilful, strong, versatile this youngster has a big future in Australian soccer.

I would like to be the manager-coach of Green Gully Ajax in the PSL provided that's the next step the club feels it should take.

It would be a great incentive for everyone at the club to play alongside the big boys and we've got a pretty good squad right now.

The present Ajax side is better than some PSL sides in the bottom half of the league but it's no good going into the PSL hoping you can successfully fight to avoid relegation.

I think we would need about three or four top class players to mount a strong PSL campaign and I'd be looking to the UK for those players.

I've seen some of this year's PSL sides and they were of a very poor standard. They knew it though, as did everyone else.

We had the opportunity this year of getting more top class players but you couldn't really bring them into the State League arena.

John Duncan, ex-Dundee, Spurs and Derby County was one. Joe Royle, ex-Everton, Bristol City and Norwich was another. Of course South Melbourne Hellas was very interested in Royle.

It's easier to get a good player from the UK now because things are hard economically over there and sides have been forced to prune their first team squads.

I look for character, drive and ambition in a player as well as his ability. Players who come here just wanting to find out how much money is in it for them don't interest me. They have to feel that they've got a job to do for the club.

I remember when I first went to Green Gully I asked one of the players what role he saw himself taking in the team. He said not to worry about the midfield, that he'd be the general there. Then he went on to say that he'd take all the free kicks, create the openings up front and take all the corners. I said to myself I've got the best midfielder in Australia here but once I saw him out on the field I said that he was the worst midfielder in Australia I'd be lying. He wasn't that good!

I always tell players not to tell me how good they are, just go out onto the park and show me.

Australian soccer is riddled with players who are exceptionally talented — at telling you what great players they are once they've got a drink in their hands.

But players who come here soon become wiser in their dealings with clubs. Sure, some of them get a rough deal and the next contract they sign has special clauses in it protecting their interests.

Some of the Ajax players have maximum transfer fees stipulated in their contracts but there's no way that the club will lose on the deal. If the player costs \$4000 then he'll go for \$4000. The signing-on fee is the player's business. I regard signing-on fees and playing wages as the player's payment for doing a job for the club and if I pay \$4000 for a player

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Profit on transfers

Ajax signed 10 players for the 1981 season and transferred eight of last year's squad. In terms of transfer fees alone this staggering turnover in playing staff found Ajax better off financially to the tune of \$7,400! The figures below don't take into account air fares for players signed from overseas and signing-on fees.

TRANSFERRED	TO	FREE
Jimmy Dunne	Brisbane City	\$10,000
Billy Vojtek	Western Suburbs	\$1,000
Steve Bennie	Springvale	\$3,000
John Patten	Springvale	\$1,000
Andrew Segi	Western Suburbs	\$1,500
Dave Perkin	Morwell Falcons	\$3,000
Grant Smart	Morwell Falcons	\$2,000
Steve Crilly	Verribee	\$800
		TOTAL \$22,300

SIGNED	FROM	FREE
John Gardiner	Essendon Croatia	\$5,000
Kevin Wall	Frankston City	Free
Peter Lewis	Altona	\$1,000
Paul Lewis	Oswestry Town U.K.	Free
Stuart Cannell	Altona	\$2,000
Jim Williams	Heidelberg United	\$4,000
Kit Greechan	Western Suburbs	\$2,500
Alan Bennett	East Stirling, U.K.	Free
Gordon Wallace	Cowdenbeath, U.K.	Free
Gus Macleod	Pollok, U.K.	\$400
		TOTAL \$14,900

then I expect at least \$4000 worth out on the park.

It's become a real rat race here buying a player on the local market and I think that's got a lot to do with the lack of business-minded people running clubs. Ajax is fortunate to have someone as fair and as strict as Guy Spitori as its president and a shrewd treasurer like Arnold Langer.

I'm indebted to Guy for chasing me about two years ago. When I first drove into the ground to talk to him about the job as manager-coach I thought I'd driven into the city morgue. Now the club is alive and there's a great atmosphere there.

We thought winning the championship would be a three-year job but we've done it a year ahead of schedule so what do we do now? Do we stay in the State League and try to win the title again or do we tackle a new venture? That's what the club must decide.

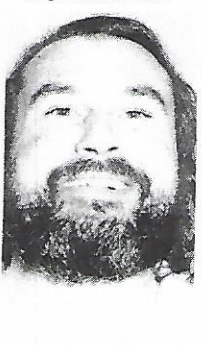
You have to be motivated yourself in order to motivate others and Green Gully Ajax probably needs a new challenge.

I'm not on a written contract with the club. I work on the basis of mutual trust and respect and these values go hand in hand with many aspects of Green Gully Ajax.

I've got no reason to leave.



Mario Borg,
team manager.



John Borg,
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So much for all the talk about John Gardiner and Bobby McLachlan cutting each other's throats.

That's what went around Melbourne's soccer traps when Gardiner transferred to Green Gully Ajax from Essendon Croatia earlier this year.

Well, McLachlan's still king pin.

at Ajax and likely to be for another few years while Gardiner's soccer brain plays an integral role in the club's onfield success.

Maybe both should be used in their best capacities — McLach-

lan as manager, Gardiner as coach.

That's the sort of set-up you find at top level professional clubs overseas.

I've got no doubts that the shrewd McLachlan's wheeling and dealing for players to revamp the club's first team squad has played the most significant role in Ajax's State League championship win, Ampol Cup triumph and ongoing quest for Dockety and State League Cup victories.

Simply put, McLachlan bought the right players, and that's no mean feat. Liberal laws won't allow me to name some of the duds that have come from overseas. Also, there's not enough space to mention them all.

The inflated local market sent the astute McLachlan searching for overseas talent. And what a successful search he made. Look at Gus Macleod for example.

McLachlan paid Pollok, Macleod's Scottish club, about \$400 for the services of a man who tops the State League goalscoring list and has added character and leadership qualities to Ajax's first team as well as his nose for goal.

Gordon Wallace has class written all over him. He's been unlucky with injuries but we should see him at his best next season while midfielder Alan Bennett looks likely to figure in Ajax's plans for some time to come.

Then there's Paul Lewis. We haven't seen the best of him yet. He's young and skilful and I expect him to be a regular in Ajax colors next year.

So what if some people are saying that Ajax merely bought success. That's sour grapes. What such a comment really means is that those critics wish their club had the vision and application of Ajax's managerial and administrative staff so that they too had been successful in 1981.

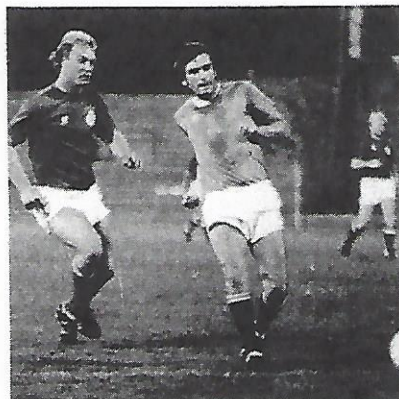
Victoria's western suburbs are crying out for a club which performs at the highest level in the land. That means PSL competition and that's exactly where Ajax's destiny lies.

Imagine what sort of following you could get by setting alight the soccer crazed public of the western suburbs!

And that's what Ajax is out to do — to bring that area to life.

Well done Ajax. You deserve to stand tall as the 1981 State League champion club, the first time that such a title has been conferred upon you with the promise of more such accolades in the future.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



John Gardiner clears in front of Carl Gilder of Croatia



Arnold Langer (Treasurer)

John Gardiner: King of the State League

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

With the exception of Socceroo honors, Ajax sweeper John Gardiner is the most highly successful player in the State League.

Two Rothmans Medals, State League championships, Ampol, Dockety and State League Cups and a host of club awards all have gone to Gardiner who joined Ajax earlier this year after a five-year stint with Essendon Croatia.

He is an astute student of the game and recognition was elevated to the level of a full ASF staff coach.

Gardiner arrived in Australia in the late 60's and played with George Cross until late 1978 when he joined Croatia, then Essendon Lions, in the first Division of the Metropolitan League.

"I look for a club which is on the move and has enormous potential for success. Some of the people at George Cross thought that joining Croatia would be the end of me because I had dropped down a league but they didn't realise the club's potential," said Gardiner.

"Green Gully also had great potential and I thought that I could do a job for the club. Really Green Gully's progress has been enormous. The club now buys better players and you certainly can't complain about the wages."

"I'd like to play next year but you can't go on for ever. I'm 34 now but I know I still have a lot to offer."

"I'd like to think that I could play PSL soccer. In fact it's unfortunate that I'm not still playing with Hellas."

Gardiner had a stint with Hellas in 1977 but it wasn't a successful period for him.

"No coach ever wanted to get rid of me. All of my problems have stemmed from committees and I've been stabbed in the back a few times."

"I didn't know too much about Green Gully when I joined and I hoped that the club would be able to win the league. The main opposition came from Croatia but coaching changes and committee upheavals upset its players and affected their performances."

"Green Gully's had a good year as a club and I've had a good year as a player. Playing still is first and foremost on my mind but I'm very interested in coaching as well."

"Bobby (McLachlan) and I discussed a lot of things this year about the playing side and we sometimes differed but we made sure to keep those differences to ourselves. Whenever we disagreed the final decision always fell to Bobby. He had to decide what to do himself."

Gardiner's on a one-year contract with Ajax which expires on November 30. There's no option for Ajax to take up but it's a safe bet to say that the club's hierarchy will try to lure Gardiner into another contract.

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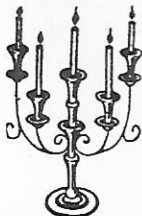


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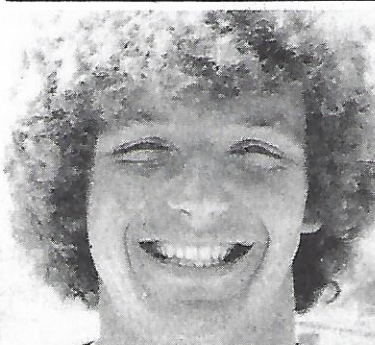
Laurie Schwab interviews Green-Gully Ajax's dynamic president Guy Spiteri.



GREEN GULLY AJAX
soccer club



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BIRTHDATE:
31st December, 1958.
BIRTHPLACE:
Doncaster (England).
MARRIED:
No.
HEIGHT:
1.90 Metres.
OCCUPATION:
Jack of all trades, Master of None (Part-time Giggiolo).
PREVIOUS CLUBS:
Doncaster Rovers (England), Altona City.
HOBBIES:
Listening to music, watching good films. Sex!! Watching soccer on Tele.
LIKES:
Playing soccer, eating good food.
DISLIKES:
Bad Referees. Travelling long distances.
FAVOURITE PLAYER:
Diego Maradona. Glen Hoddle.
FAVOURITE TEAM:
Doncaster Rovers.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:



Leaving Doncaster Rovers when Billy Bremner came.
MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMAN:
Muhammad Ali.
IMMEDIATE AMBITION:
To win everything this year.
REGRETS:
Coming to Australia (It's too far from home).
HARDEST OPPONENT:
Stan Cumming (Sunderland).
FAVOURITE POSITION:
Centre Half.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:
Reg. Hesp.
BIGGEST THRILL:
Making league debut against Barnsley Local Derby and beating Grimsby 4-3 in my last game at Doncaster.

dwindling crowds: Change State League, stop growth

AB: While you bask in the glory of a hard-fought win, let's look at the plight of most other federation clubs. Find us. Isn't it true that in terms of attendance, soccer is on the slide?

LS: We simply do not have the population in Victoria, but in all States — to a huge number of clubs. In Victoria we have thousands of registered players and we make about 50,000 people with some appreciation of it we have more soccer teams per capita than which has 80 million people.

LS: Board of Management has a lot of being able to direct affiliated leagues to in cohesion with the State and Metropolitan Leagues, and it should do so. If we said OK, the State League is the No. 1 and the only one that should play on afternoons, then any other league that plays at that time should be ordered to that means District League, under 19s have their games on Saturday morning, leaving the Metropolitan League to use of Saturday afternoon. And the League should play during working at lunch times during the week, as a keep

fit pastime approved by the employers. The unions should look into that. It happens in other countries.

I lay the blame for the excessive proliferation of clubs at the feet of the VSF. Sixty member clubs would have been enough. People who want to play soccer should go to a local club and join it, not form a new one. There's nothing to stop Green Gully, for example, forming a fourth team or a social team to cater for such people. It would aid the club's growth and from among the newcomers, we would get new supporters or even administrators.

The junior club West United, down the road in St. Albans, should never have been allowed to form. Those people could have gone to Green Gully, St Albans or North Sunshine — all established clubs. That's one example of how soccer's strength is dissipated. It's OK to start new clubs in untapped areas, but not in suburbs that already have a soccer network. Look what's happened to South Yarra and Brighton. They're two of Victoria's oldest clubs yet they have lost the strength they once had because so many clubs have sprung up around them.

I will move at the VSF general meeting that no more soccer clubs should be admitted to the VSF unless they are in untapped areas.

SCHWAB: Surely that alone is not enough. If, as you say, the State League is to be trans-

formed into a well-supported competition, shouldn't you throw it open to the most suitable clubs, and then start from scratch?

SPITERI: I've been saying for the four years that we've been in the State League, that it should be thrown open and that if Green Gully is found to be unsuitable, then we should be kicked out. I believe there are clubs in the State League that do nothing to enhance it on or off the field. In putting together a new league, we would look at financial stability, spectator facilities, and crowd support and by those criteria, I believe Frankston Pines, Bell Park, Fawkner and Morwell Falcons would get in.

SCHWAB: In the case of Ajax, one way to increase crowds would be to have a team of more diversified nationalities — a team that would be more representative of the many nationalities in the St. Albans area.

SPITERI: Sure, we'd pick up more people that way. However, while our team is predominantly British, we do have Willie Vassallo from Malta, and locals Dave Hogben and Lou Denys, and we hope to bring up more local players in coming seasons. While it would be nice to have a Croatian, a Greek, an Italian player of some standing, they generally are very expensive and you also encounter the language difficulty. In the long term, though, I think you have to get the crowd used to coming along simply to watch good soccer, rather than just to watch a player of their own nationality.

national league: Regions best, Summer to fail

VAB: Many people, including me, believe that the best for the national competition is if it were regionalised north and south. What do you think?

LS: I'm all for regionalisation. Travelling rising all the time, so regionalisation, with reason play-offs is the logical solution. The reason I've seen on TV was the Preston v City game when a packed ground didn't rattle. As Sydney City scored its two last kind of atmosphere is that? And if the as packed against Sydney City, how many did there have been against a local side? I'd also have Adelaide and perhaps teams in our region, but supporters would it sort of distance — especially to Adelaide — whereas they wouldn't go to Brisbane. But the overriding reality is that could rise because of a greater degree of excitement, the opposite of what we now have in the Phillip Cup final. We're going to have Lions playing against West Adelaide in that. That's nothing for soccer. Not even could get a crowd for that one.

It was a novelty when it started in 1977 and since then we want to see Canberra and there a because, as new clubs, they too were

novelties. Then the novelty wore off the league and the new clubs, and the crowds fell away. And it's the same with the summer league and the ice creams and gives you the money to keep going.

SCHWAB: I agree there must be a change, but while we support regionalisation, the national league sees summer soccer as the answer. Do you think summer soccer will succeed?

SPITERI: Wisely, they've given it 12 months before implementing it. In that time they could iron out all the bugs, or decide not to go ahead with it. They decided on summer soccer because they were doing badly and they thought they had nothing to lose. I wonder if that is true, however. Australians are outdoor people, who probably will find better things to do on summer evenings than going to the soccer. I think there's a better chance of filling the terraces in winter, providing you can offer comfort at the grounds.

I also doubt the argument that a percentage of supporters from other clubs would go to see Hellenas, during the summer season. I think that percentage would be negligible. It is club loyalty that determines support.

The national league clubs could very well lose

out. Beaches, golf courses, swimming pools are jam-packed on summer evenings.

Getting back to facilities, what could Hellenas have done with the money it spent on Steve Wooddin, or one or two other players. In terms of perhaps building a stand on the far side of Middle Park? What is J.U.S.T. doing — I've heard so many stories but I haven't seen anything happening. If the fans can sit in comfort and under cover, they'll come in the winter. Summer soccer would not be necessary.

SCHWAB: Gladiators, Gunners, Leopards, Raiders, Rams and the other nick-names will of course add several thousands to the gates in 1982...

SPITERI: About all this Americanisation, let me say that the days of shells running down to the pier to greet the American sailors are over. If we're going to have a new brand of soccer, let it be Australian, not American. I wouldn't mind our club being called the Green Gully Galahs — the three G's. At least galahs are local.

I'd like to see the marketing company spending time with individual clubs. It could spend, say a month with a particular club, promoting it, advising it, getting financial backing for it. That's how clubs, and soccer in general, would grow.

the club: Full Liquor licence in 1982?

AB: You often have said that the key for the top — and that means the league, whatever form it may take, your plans for improvements go in if you are not elevated immediately.

LS: We're pressing on regardless. We've got a full liquor licence, we've done all the paperwork and we hope to have it next week make us the third Victorian club, in Rovers and Makedonia, with a full li-

to spend about \$5000 on doubling our ground, which will make it suitable for night racing also will go ahead, at least in part. We also want terracing on the far pitch, but to do that properly, the back I have to be diverted. We're waiting for a vote from the Kellor Council about that. The would be three metres high, and so it is the problem of people standing out- watching games for nothing. We're also ck the use of the rugby pitch at the back erve, giving us a total of four pitches. only Nunawading City and Frankston d boast a similar number.

AB: How many people are directly in the club?

LS: We have over 300 paid-up family who. Incidentally, get into home games. But overall, counting the nine junior tiers, reserves, under-19s, we have about 16.

AB: Is it too early to be talking about team?

LS: Well, we've applied for extensions to of Gus MacLeod, Gordon Wallace and yet, but apart from that, we haven't made

any decisions. The club has grown to such an extent under coach Bobby McLachlan that we can pick and choose. One of the things for which I'll always be grateful to Bobby is that we no longer buy a player just because he's available. We now take the ones we need, and we are strong enough to drop the ones we no longer can use.

SCHWAB: There were some moves early this year to sign a player in the "super-star" class. Will you try again next year?

SPITERI: We could have had Martin Chivers or Martin Peters this year but they would have been expensive and unfortunately we do not have a good promotions man who can sell the club, get the necessary sponsors and ensure that we get crowds to justify the expense.

We have an excellent advertising manager in Charlie Darmanin who has managed to get about \$10,000 in ground signs, our calendar and advertising in our "Gully Gazette" but what I'm talking about is packaging the club as an attractive proposition for the really big companies.

In the western suburbs nine out of 10 people are into soccer in some way or another. There are more than 50,000 people in St. Albans alone. You can talk to most people in the west about Green Gully and they'll know where it is and what you're talking about. Then we have the large land developers who make use of the fact that their subdivisions are close to recreational facilities — 100 acres of parkland at Green Gully. If we had the right man, he could sell our package to AV Jennings, Hooker Rex or the Bond Corporation, for example, or perhaps to some of the really big stores in St. Albans.

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English and Scottish League Fixtures for Season 1981-82
Matches played on ground of first mentioned Club

FRIDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1981

English League - Division IV										
Colchester United v Torquay United	4-0									
Leeds United v Arsenal	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-0					
Stockport County v Peterborough United						1-0	3-4			
York City v Hartlepool United		1-0	1-1	2-1	0-1					

SATURDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1981

English League - Division I										
Birmingham City v Manchester City	2-1	0-0	1-4	1-2	2-0					
Brighton v Coventry City						3-0	2-1	1-3	0-1	1-1
Leeds United v Arsenal						3-0	3-0	1-2	3-0	4-1
Liverpool v Aston Villa										
Manchester United v Swansea City										
Notts County v Ipswich Town										

Season 1976 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81										
Stoke City v Nottingham Forest						2-1	4-1	1-0		
Stoke City v Wolverhampton									1-1	1-2
Tottenham Hotspur v Everton										0-1
West Bromwich Albion v West Ham United	2-2	3-3	1-1	3-0	2-2					

English League - Division II										
Bolton Wanderers v Oldham Athletic	4-0	3-0	1-0		2-0					
Cardiff City v Blackburn Rovers	1-1					2-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	
Cardiff City v Grimsby Town										
Cardiff City v Luton Town										
Cardiff City v Newcastle United						1-2	3-2	2-1		
Cardiff City v Wrexham									0-1	4-0
Cardiff City v Crystal Palace										0-0
Cardiff City v Derby County										0-0
Cardiff City v Shrewsbury Town										2-2
Cardiff City v Walsley										2-2

English League - Division III										
Brentford v Plymouth Argyle						2-1	0-0	0-1		
Brentford v Newport County										
Brentford v Huddersfield Town										4-2
Brentford v Millwall										1-1
Brentford v Fulham										0-0
Brentford v Swindon Town										4-1
Brentford v Lincoln City										1-1
Brentford v Oxford United										1-1
Brentford v Preston North End										1-1
Brentford v Gillingham										1-1
Brentford v Reading										3-3
Brentford v Portsmouth										3-3
Brentford v Walsley										1-0

English League - Division IV										
Darlington v Blackpool										
Halifax Town v Bournemouth						2-3	0-0	0-2	2-0	1-2
Halifax Town v Bradford City										1-1
Halifax Town v Sheffield United										1-1
Halifax Town v Mansfield Town										1-1
Halifax Town v Rochdale										1-1
Halifax Town v Wigan Athletic										2-2
Halifax Town v Wigan Athletic										2-0
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Scottish Premier League										
Aberdeen v Hibernian	3-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-1					
Aberdeen v Dundee United						0-4				0-0
Aberdeen v St Mirren										1-0
Aberdeen v Partick Thistle						0-0				1-2
Aberdeen v Celtic						2-1	0-1	3-2	1-1	2-2

Scottish League - Division I										
Dumbarton v Motherwell										
Falkirk v St Johnstone						0-0				0-3
Hamilton v Dundee United						1-1				2-0
Hamilton v Celtic										1-1
Hamilton v Queen's Park										1-1
Hamilton v Stirling Albion										1-1
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Scottish League - Division II										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
Clyde v Alloa						2-0				0-3
East Fife v Albion Rovers										0-2
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Scottish League - Division III										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
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Scottish League - Division IV										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
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Scottish League - Division V										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
Clyde v Alloa						2-0				0-3
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Scottish League - Division VI										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
Clyde v Alloa						2-0				0-3
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Scottish League - Division VII										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
Clyde v Alloa						2-0				0-3
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Scottish League - Division VIII										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
Clyde v Alloa						2-0				0-3
East Fife v Albion Rovers										0-2
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Scottish League - Division IX										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
Clyde v Alloa						2-0				0-3
East Fife v Albion Rovers										0-2
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Scottish League - Division X										
Arbroath v Brechin City										
Clyde v Alloa						2-0				

Yugoslavs, Scots advance

Scotland beat Sweden 2-0 to move impressively towards a starring role in the World Cup soccer finals in Spain next year.

Goals from exile Joe Jordan, who plays for Italian club A.C. Milan, and Nottingham Forest's John Robertson from a penalty, left the Scots comfortably placed at the top of European Group Six.

But England's hopes of joining them to Spain nosedived with a 2-1 defeat by Norway in Oslo.

England, which has not qualified for the final stages on merit since 1962 — it contested the 1970 finals as holder after winning the trophy on home territory four years earlier — looks like missing out to Rumania and Hungary in Group Four.

A night of memorable goals and thrilling matches ended with Belgium becoming the first European nation to qualify for the cup finals.

The Belgians, runners-up to West Germany in the 1980 European championship, beat France 2-0 in Brussels to join host country Spain, the holder, Argentina, and Brazil, Chile and Peru in the play-offs.

Results (all European qualifying ties):

GROUP TWO: Belgium 2, France 0; Netherlands 2, Ireland 2.

GROUP THREE: Czechoslovakia 2, Wales 0; Iceland 2, Turkey 0.

GROUP FOUR: Norway 2, England 1.

GROUP FIVE: Denmark 1, Yugoslavia 2.

GROUP SIX: Scotland 2, Sweden 0.

GROUP TWO					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
Belgium	7	5	1	1	12 6 11
Ireland	7	3	2	2	14 9 8
Holland	6	3	1	2	7 4 7
France	5	3	0	2	12 5 6
Cyprus	7	0	0	7	4 25 0

GROUP THREE					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
Wales	6	4	1	1	10 2 9
Czechoslovakia	5	4	0	1	13 2 8
Soviet Union	3	2	1	0	7 1 5
Iceland	5	2	0	3	6 12 4
Turkey	6	0	0	6	1 15 0

GROUP FOUR					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
England	7	3	1	3	12 8 7
Rumania	5	2	2	1	4 3 6
Norway	7	2	2	3	11 6 6
Hungary	4	2	1	1	6 6 5
Switzerland	5	1	2	2	7 8 4

GROUP FIVE					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
Yugoslavia	5	4	0	1	14 5 8
Italy	5	4	0	1	9 3 8
Denmark	7	3	0	4	11 9 6
Greece	5	3	0	2	6 7 6
Luxembourg	6	0	0	6	1 17 0

GROUP SEVEN					
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
Scotland	6	4	2	0	8 2 10
Nth Ireland	6	2	2	2	5 3 6
Sweden	7	2	2	3	5 7 6
Portugal	5	2	1	2	4 4 5
Israel	6	0	3	3	2 8 3



• The smiling faces of Abbotsford Tassa's players tell the story of their cup triumph. Back row, left to right: George Wallace (VSF secretary), Geoff Pagg (District League chairman), Mahmoud Elahmed, Ahmad Dib, Mahmoud Faur, Magdi Gergis (Coach), Jimmy Malouk, Peter Papadinas, Jamal Roma, Ahmad Wannous, Ahmad Abdou (team manager), Mohammed Abdulrahman (publicity officer). Front row: Mohamed Mayek, Abdulrahman Jaza, Ahmed Assad (captain), Bassam Saleh, Ahmed Mehrez, Youssef Elmohammed, Fawaz Ayoub.

TASSA TRIUMPHS

District League First Division side Abbotsford Tassa is the Victorian League Cup winner, defeating East Carlton 2-0 in the final two weeks ago.

Abbotsford is the soccer wing of the Victorian Arabic Sports and Social Club and was formed in 1977.

The club won the District Fourth Division in 1978, its first year in VSF competition. This was the start of a dramatic rise through the District League ranks. The Third Division title went to Abbotsford Tassa in 1979, the Second Division title was won the following year and the club finished in third place in First Division this year, just four points away from second placed club Central City which joins First Division champion Malvern City in the Provisional League in 1982.

This year's cup triumph in front of a near 3000 crowd was the second cup success for Abbotsford which won the District League Reserve Cup in 1979.

Club captain Ahmed Assad scored both goals in the cup final, one from a spectacular 35 metre shot. The club's presentation night will be held on October 24 at the Collingwood Town Hall, starting at 7 pm.

Racing toward bankruptcy

One of Argentina's most historic clubs, Racing, is once again in dire financial straits.

So much so that the squad recently walked out of the team's hotel on the eve of an important match because they still hadn't received any wages since April.

The directors' answer was amazing — they fined all the players 20 per cent of their earnings! The move was obviously illegal — at least according to the Argentine regulations — and three players who've since been suspended by the club are taking legal action to recover their 'missing' cash.

Japanese companies are taking a stranglehold on English First Division soccer clubs. Of the 12 now sponsored six have Japanese backing: Arsenal (JVC) Ipswich (Pioneer) Liverpool (Hitachi) Stoke City (Ricoh) Middlesbrough (Datsun) and Nottingham Forest (Panasonic).

Chelsea skipper and goalkeeper Peter Borota has resolved his contract problem with the Pensioners and his former club Partizan Belgrade. Originally Borota was to return to Partizan after his three year contract was up unless Chelsea paid an additional \$140,000.

Libero role finished — Franz

While everyone looks for a "libero" a la Franz Beckenbauer, the "Kalser" himself says that role no longer exists.

In a short interview, the Hamburg star answered questions as follows:

How are you getting on with new coach Ernst Happel? "We've not had enough time to know each other to be able to make any comparisons with other coaches, but first impressions are good. He has a way with players. And he's certainly got us working hard. Harder perhaps than Brankovic, our last long-term coach, at the same stage of pre-season training."

Will Happel play you as sweeper or in midfield? "The sweeper role as I used to play it is finished. You're not given the same amount of room now. So I don't mind whether I play as free man in front of the defence or in midfield."

The last couple of years it's been almost a stalemate between Hamburg and Bayern at the top of the table. This season too? "No, I think it will be harder than ever. There could be five teams all in with an equal chance: Us, Bayern, Köln, Borussia Dortmund and Stuttgart. And Eintracht Frankfurt or Kaiserslautern could always spring a few surprises."

Did you have a good summer break? "Well, two or three weeks isn't long enough. Four weeks at least is what a footballer needs. The problem is that clubs don't always realise how they should look after the players. After all the money they invest in us, it's surprising sometimes how little they consider the long-term view."

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent



Although the Football League has given the OK for Queens Park Rangers' artificial pitch no such approval has yet been given by the FA for cup matches. FA observers are attending all QPR's home games studying the effects of playing on the astroturf and likely to give their decision before Chelsea is scheduled to play its FA Cup third round tie.

The West's World Cup players have been guaranteed a \$100,000 split up if they reach the finals in Spain. \$40,000 of that cash comes from Adidas with the rest from the spoils of qualifying.

Blossoming out in the Dundee United senior side is 19 year old midfielder Richard Gough who was recruited from South African soccer. It was mainly through the recommendation of Joe Gilroy, the former Dundee player now in Brisbane, who is a close friend of United's manager Jim McLean. But if Gough reaches international class he could be in a pickle. For his mother is Swedish, his father Scottish but he was born in Sweden and grew up in South Africa.

Aston Villa players are reputed to have earned \$100,000 each last season when they won the First Division title. That sum includes basic wages, points and other bonuses. In addition they each got a car of their choice and had close season tours in luxury in Europe and America.

Tommy Docherty has suffered a major blow with Preston after the news that his 23 year old Edinburgh born striker has been forced to quit after two major knee operations. Thomson who has been with Preston six years was described by former manager Nobby Stiles as another George Best and will be paid until his contract ends in 1982. The Doc has promised to lay a testimonial for his benefit.

Glasgow Rangers \$14 million improvement scheme at Ibrox Stadium incorporates underground heating of the playing pitch.

Norwich City now in the Second Division needs 23,000 spectators at each home game to break even.

From the top to the bottom in just three years is the experience of former Celtic defender Roy Kay who was in Glasgow club's side which played in Singapore and Australia in 1977. Roy is now battling it out with York City who are in the bottom side in 92nd position of the English Football League last season.

In winning the Italian First Division title last season Juventus played 30 matches and conceded only 35 goals.

Coventry City whose renovations at Highfield Road are almost complete, are the only club in the Football League with an all seater stadium.

Pepsi-Cola are ploughing \$800,000 sponsorship into the English Football League. Each month their Golden

Goals table will pay out \$2000 for the top individual scorer in each of the four Divisions with an additional \$10,000 for anyone hitting 35 or more league goals in the season.

The Football League will set up a three-man commission to likely to give their decision on illegal payments by Fourth Division Halifax Town. The inquiry is at the request of the club's board.

VICTORIAN SCORERS AND VOTES

Here is a complete list of all votegetters in Ametco Travel's Victorian State League Player of the Year award for 1981.

24 — French (H), Gardiner (GGA)

22 — P. Bannon (C)
20 — G. Bannon (GC), Wilkin (GC)

19 — Stewart (F)
18 — Cannell (GGA)
16 — Pasman (R)
15 — Holford (F), Macleod (GGA)

AJAX: 24 — Gardiner; 18 — Cannell; 15 — Macleod; 10 — Wallace; 8 — G. Bennett; 7 — Hogben; 4 — Morrey; 3 — Grechan, Denys, Peter Lewis; 2 — Vassallo; 1 — A. Bennett, Williams.

SUNSHINE: 10 — Ellis; 9 — Taylor; 8 — Morovic; 7 — Pate; 6 — Dixey; 5 — Bain; 4 — Scerri; 3 — McRobert, Mudrinic; 2 — Legg, McNally, Contini; 1 — Esposito.

HAKOAH: 24 — French; 11 — Jordanou; 6 — Hannah, Wilson; 4 — Dosen; 3 — McClunie; 2 — C. Kent, Fryzser.

CROATIA: 22 — P. Bannon; 11 — Kokoska; 9 — Brogan; 8 — Mitten; 6 — Adams; 5 — Kerr; 3 — Murphy, Short, Pugliese; 2 — Gilder, Tront, Dezie; 1 — Blashy, Andrews.

CROYDON: 13 — I. Loughnane; 12 — Wade; 8 — Pongho; 6 — P. Loughnane, Brown, McCombe; 5 — Spink, Brogan; 4 — Denridder; 2 — Smith; 1 — Keogh.

RINGWOOD: 16 — Pasman; 8 — Sinclair, Fearn; 6 — Luyten, Brooks; 4 — O'Riley; 2 — Brown, Greener, Dixon, O'Callaghan, O'Brien; 1 — Malt, Bravo.

NORTHCOTE: 9 — Bozakis, Nelson; 7 — Kriaris; 6 — Sahinidis; 5 — Tachiris; 4 — Rujevic; 3 — Giannopoulos, Gatsonis; 2 — Tsetsos; 1 — Petrakos.

JUVENTUS: 9 — Cunningham; 6 — Heery, Hawke, Ristovski; 4 — Tarquinio, Penzo, Hird, Donaldson; 3 — Werner, Curcio; 2 — Vaccaro, Geramia, Della Rocco, Fantoma; 1 — Smith.

ALTONA: 9 — Whyte; 8 — K. Wilson; 7 — Innes; 6 — Jones, Masseni; 4 — Watters; 3 — Pavlovic; 2 — Cooper, Memishi; 1 — Thompson, O'Boyle.

DOVETON: 11 — Thurlow; 10 — Ivanoff; 9 — Corke; 6 — McConville, Irvine; 5 — Cherrie; 4 — McIvor; 3 — Quinn, Train; 2 — Bentley, Merick.

GEORGE CROSS: 20 — G.

• Abbotsford Tassa's best and fairest player for 1981, Ali Elmohammed, holds aloft the 1981 District League Cup. At left is another of the club's top players, Peter Papadinas.



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The squad which AR Split hopes will bring it victory in the 1981 Black Douglas Cup final. Back row, left to right: M. Dimac, D. Alamic, I. Cesljar, N. Vulic, M. Franjic, Z. Tusek, N. Jugovic, J. Skoblar (president). Front row: S. Bikanic, M. Vlaovic, F. Franjic, N. Cotic, I. Istuk, E. Gajzer, M. Cesljar.

Istuk, Cotic top men for Split

Industrial League giant AR Split is out to win the Black Douglas Cup for the second consecutive year.

The final, between Split and Ansett, kicks off at 3 pm on Sunday at Middle Park and will be preceded by the Invitation Cup final at 1 pm between the reserve teams of Middle Park and Clifton Hill YCW.

Split is the more experienced of the finalists in the Black Douglas Cup. The Croatian club is playing in its fourth cup final while Ansett is in the final for the first time.

Its first Industrial League prize was the Fourth Division championship it won in 1977. The following year Split captured the Third Division title and continued its rise with its Second Division title win in 1979. The club won the First Division championship at its first attempt last year.

Split will rely upon star players Ivan Istuk and Ned Cotic, both ex-Essendon Croatia. Cotic captained Croatia's reserve team for four years before joining Split this year.

Ansett's strength lies with captain-coach Giuseppe Timpano, ex-East Melbourne Helvetic and Essendon Lions, and Granam Haynes, vice-captain and sweeper who is a former Essendon Croatia player and Ansett's Player of the Year in 1976, 77 and 78.

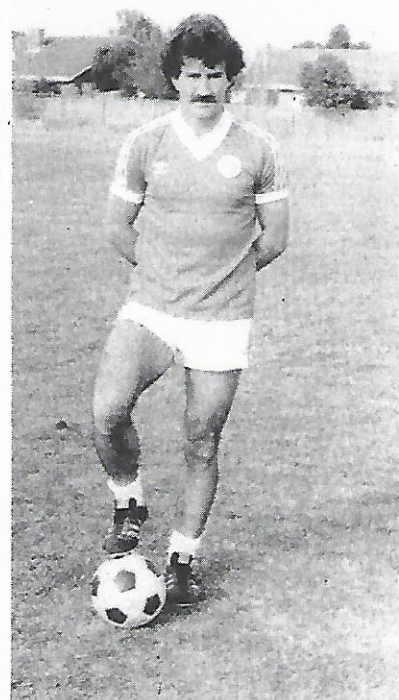
The most renowned player in Sunday's cup final must be Ansett's ageless Frank Loughran, former Victorian and Australian representative. His skill and experience will play a major role in Ansett's ability to win control of midfield.

I still can't see Split being beaten. Sure, anything is possible in the cauldron of a cup final atmosphere but Split looks too accomplished for the airline boys and I expect a second Black Douglas Cup trophy to be held in Split hands by about 5 pm on Sunday.

CRAIG MACKENZIE



Two more Split stars. At right is Ivan Istuk, midfielder on loan from Essendon Croatia. The other player pictured is Split stalwart Frank Franjic.



Ned Cotic, ex-Essendon Croatia. One of the players Split hopes will bring it success on Sunday.

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Can Ansett upset the odds and win its first Black Douglas Cup by toppling favorite AR Split in Sunday's final at Middle Park?

It would be a grand occasion for the airline side should it knock off the Croats and the Black Douglas Cup would give Ansett a fine record of success in a short time.

Ansett was formed in 1967 and played social matches until 1975 when it entered the Industrial and Amateur Soccer League of Victoria, winning promotion to Third Division in its first year of Industrial League competition.

The following year, 1976, Ansett won the Third Division title, repeated the

dose two years later in Second Division and was proclaimed as the best side in the Industrial League in 1979 when it won the First Division championship.

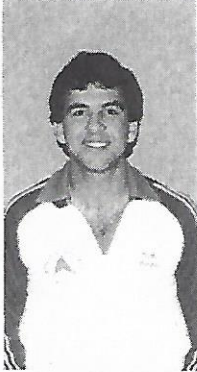
Ansett has experienced Cup success.

It won the Footscray YMCA indoor soccer cup in 1979, the Airlines Cup in 1976, 77 and 78 and was the winner of Coburg's six-a-side competition in 1979 and 1980.

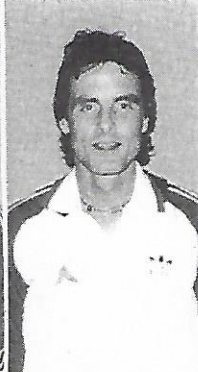
And the club is set to win the First Division this year. If it does, success in Sunday's cup final would give it a memorable double.



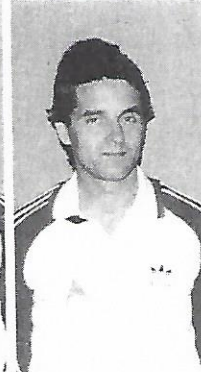
Ansett's first team squad. Back row, left to right: B. Maiolo, F. Loughran, J. Timpano, G. Haynes, S. Power, I. Leaves, F. Kovacek. Front row: G. Power, W. Runciman, D. Carmichael, M. Attard, R. Liberto, J. Shearer, S. Timpano.



MARIO ATTARD, 25, born in Tripoli. Position: goalkeeper with Ansett for seven years. Vic schoolboys rep IASLV rep 1978, 80, 81.



GREG POWER, 33. Position: defender. ex McColl and Bosch. First year with Ansett.



STEVE POWER: 31, defender. Previous clubs: Tarax, McColl, Bosch. Represented IASLV 17 times.



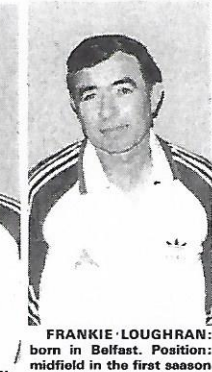
SANTO TIMPANO: 21. Position: defender. Ex-Essendon Lions, Coburg. Rep Vic U15. IASLV 1981.



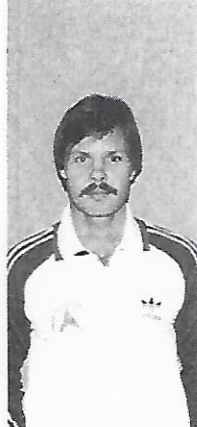
GRAEME HAYNES: (v/capt), 26. Position: sweeper. Previous clubs: Essendon Croatia. IASLV rep 1981. Ansett Player of Year 1976, 77, 78. Industrial League 2nd Div Player of the Year 1978. One of the longest serving players.



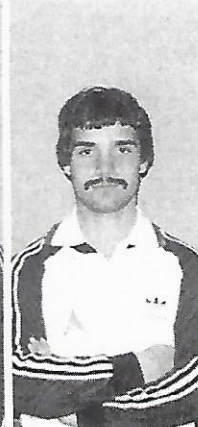
WALTER RUNCIMAN, 30. Born in England. Position: midfielder. Ex-Albion Rovers (U.K.), Bedford United (W.A.). Honours: Bradford Boys, Yorkshire Boys, W.A. Amateur Rep in 1974.



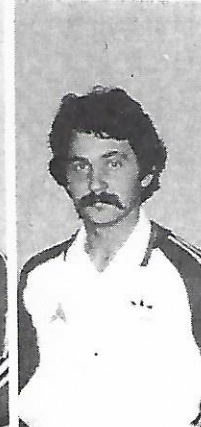
FRANKIE LOUGHRAN: born in Belfast. Position: midfield in the first season with Moreland represented both Australia and Victoria. Scored one of Australia's goals in its 2-0 victory over Japan in the 1956 Olympic Games. Until 1975 he played with Coburg.



IAN LEAVES: 31, Position: midfielder. Previous clubs: Makedonia, Essendon, Kallor City. Honours: Schoolboys country rep, Ansett Player of Year 1979.



BRUNO MAIOLO, 24. Position: forward. Previous clubs: Essendon Lions. Honours: IASLV country championships 78-79-80-81. Ansett Player of Year 1980.



FRANK KOVACEK, 31. Position: forward. Previous clubs Croatia. Tarax player of Year 1980.



RENATO LIBERTO: 16. Position: forward. Previous clubs, Essendon City, Batman United. Rep. Vic U/17 1977. Industrial country championship 1981.



DUNCAN CARMICHAEL, 47. Position: forward. Ex-Peterborough, also played with Hakoah, Makedonia in Victorian State League.



JIMMY SHEARER: 29. Born in Scotland. Position: defender. Ex-Croatia U/16, U/18. Joined Ansett in 1975. One of the longest serving members of the club.



GIUSEPPE TIMPANO, 28. Born in Italy. Captain-coach. Previous clubs East Melbourne-Helvic 1970-72, Essendon Lions 1973-77. Coached Ansett in 1975-76-77-78-81.

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Soccer in Australia has increased in popularity at a tremendous rate in recent years. Each year more and more junior players, both boys and girls, register with the major soccer football associations in the metropolitan areas. Country associations, too, have become firmly established. In the near future we can expect to see half a million juniors playing soccer throughout Australia. But numbers alone are not enough to guarantee a high standard of play among the seniors who come up through the junior ranks. A sound knowledge of the basic soccer skills and an understanding of the systems and tactics of the game, acquired at an early age, are essential. This book sets out what the junior player should know about these basic skills and techniques, and shows how he can go about mastering them. Each skill — kicking, trapping, passing and intercepting, heading, tackling, ball control and goalkeeping — is dealt with in turn, and the various ways of performing these skills are described in a few words and illustrated by a drawing. Action photographs of junior and senior matches in progress are also included to illustrate many of the movements being used in match play. No book can take the place of experience gained through training sessions and match play. It can, however, do a lot to supplement the teaching of a coach, and can be invaluable as a reference for study in spare time and as a guide in practicing at home or with friends in the park or playground. Soccer is a fine sport which exercises the mind as well as the body and teaches sportsmanship and teamwork. Knowing the basic skills and the right way to carry them out not only makes for a better player; it makes the game all the more enjoyable. Author John White has coached with considerable success for some fifteen years. A former coach and vice-president of Normanshul Soccer Football Club, member of the NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches, and Director of Gladsville-Hornby Football Club Ltd, his book will be invaluable to junior soccer. He is also a qualified masseur and has published *Massage Massage for Fitness*.

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Falkenmeier and Anthes lead Germans' assault

By PAUL MOON

Having gained the European Youth Championship in June, West Germany will be eager to add the World title during October's Coca-Cola championship.

The Germans won the European crown by defeating Wales (5-0), Belgium (3-2), Greece (1-0), France (5-4) and Poland (1-0).

Under coach Dietrich Weise they produced fast, aggressive and entertaining soccer which captured the imagination of their home fans.

204,000 spectators watched the Germans in their five games, including 56,000 at the final against Poland.

Weise, 46, and his team became national heroes overnight, for this was young Germany's first success, earned at the 29th attempt!

Rolf Falkenmeier and Holger Anthes were acclaimed by the press as the two stars of the tournament.

Falkenmeier, superb on the left side of midfield, always looked dangerous when moving forward. He made his debut in the West German First Division with Eintracht Frankfurt last season.

Holger Anthes is an explosive striker and proved a problem to every defence he encountered. Attached to Hessen Regional League side F.S.V. Frankfurt at the time of writing, Anthes is being pursued by many of his country's leading clubs.

Already on the payroll of one of the soccer world's pre-



mier outfits is Thomas Herbst of Bayern Munich, who is renowned for his powerful heading ability.

The team's most experienced player is captain Ralf Loose who has represented his country a record 35 times. A livewire in midfield, Loose inspires by example.

Never was Loose's influence more pronounced than against Belgium when he was the driving force behind a German revival that overcame a two-goal deficit after only 15 minutes play.

On the books of Borussia Dortmund, he has yet to make his debut in the German league.

In contrast, fellow midfielder Thomas Brunner has made 20 appearances in the Bundesliga for 1 FC Nurnberg. Germany's weakness appears to be a defence which lacks pace and has often been embarrassed when faced by teams capable of counter-attacking quickly.

Fortunately the Germans have an outstanding goalkeeper in Rudiger Vollborn. Vollborn's finest moments came in the semi-final against an impressive French team

when he made two crucial penalty saves.

Recently acquired by First Division Bayer Leverkusen, Vollborn is acknowledged as the best young 'keeper Germany has produced for quite some time.

Remarkably Germany qualified for the Coca-Cola tournament only after the withdrawal of Holland. The 1980 European Youth championship also was designated as an eliminator for Australia and here Germany failed to get beyond the last 16!

The Dutch dropped out because they did not feel confident of being able to persuade their leading clubs to release players at a crucial stage in the domestic season.

Ironically, the Germans' problem in the same area is equally acute.

Weise has already expressed concern that his Coca-Cola aspirations may be wrecked by clubs clinging to their star youngsters.

Weise is adamant: "We will not take 'tourist' team to the fifth continent. Unless the best possible side is available, I am not interested in going to Australia."

His cause has been taken up by German Federation President Hermann Neuburger who personally has appealed to all major clubs to put their country first.

At this stage it appears that patriotism and public opinion will ensure that Germany will be at full strength.

If this is so, the Germans will be strong contenders for the Coca-Cola championship, one of the few major international trophies which has eluded them.

Johnny Markovski (pictured) has been one of the stars of Sunshine City's triumphant run 12 team this season.

Johnny scored 52 goals last year, and topped it to 75 this year, including 15 hat-tricks out of 20 games.

His favorite player is Diego Maradona of Argentina.

Johnny's team is unbeaten in 2 league and Cup games for 1991. Having scored 166 goals and conceded 12.

Sunshine meets Mooroolbark in the Victorian under 12 Cup final on September 26.

• This is the Footscray J.U.S.T. team that finished fourth in its Victorian under 13 league.

From left, back row: R. Arapovic, I. Stojcevic, T.

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Hat-trick heroes: Carl Hawerli, 13, four goals, Dragan Ostojic, 13 (Springvale), Milan Spilner, 9, Roger Curtis, 9

- (Sunshine Heights), Craig Crodden, 11, Mark McGovern, 11 (Sunbury), Con Karanastous, 11, four goals (South Oakleigh), David Morgan, 8, nine goals, Jamie Chester, 8, Brian McDermatt, 8, David Fowler, 8, Bradley Rasanari, 8 (Mooroolbark), Gus Fagundes, 12, (Springvale), Robbie Sherbourne, 7, five goals, Martin Clarke, 8, Alan McArthur, 8 (Springvale), Paul Babic, 12, Zeljko Gajic, 12, four goals, Ivica Jukic, 12 (Essendon Croatia), Peter Maniatis, 12 (Port Melbourne), Theo Toklis, 13 (Nunawading C), Marko Luburic, 9 (Highpoint), Rendle, 12, four goals, Andrew Hargreaves, 12, Robert Bal, 12, Shaun Staggard, 12, five goals, Mark Luca, 12 (Peninsula), Jim Elmazovsk, 11, four goals, Alan Davis, 11, Cameron Rawlings, 11, Russell Kempster, 11, Paul McMillan, 11, Ian Smith, 11 (Dandenong), Frank Oliver, 9 (Fawkner), Adam Keher, 7 (Berwick), Hayden Bennett, 9, four goals (Greensborough), Ralph van der Hoeven, 13 (Nunawading C), David Poulos, 9, four goals, Alex Rasmir, 9 (Waverley), Stuart Swain, 8, Justin Brown, 8, four goals (Nunawading C), Antonio Alelio, 14 (Dandenong), Rodney Buchanasser, 12 (Meadow Park), Bradley Rosaroll 7 (Mooroolbark).

With the Juniors, by FRED BROOKS

Two items of interest happened recently which will affect junior soccer in Victoria.

First item was the announcement by the VSF that Tim White had been appointed the State Director of Coaching.

He is a former state under age coach and a coach of Springvale City seniors. For the past three years he has been a regional coach in Townsville where he also coached the Townsville senior side in the Queensland State League.

He is a great believer in junior soccer and the coaching of junior coaches and I am certain that his appointment will be a boost not only to senior soccer but to junior soccer too.

The second item was a disturbing one. At a meeting of the Metropolitan clubs recently they put a proposal forward to the VSF asking for permit players for the Metropolitan League, stating that junior players were not up to the standard.

If this proposal is accepted it will mean that there will be less places for juniors in our senior teams.

During this year's regional and state trials for juniors there were hardly any coaches or scouts from senior clubs to see what talent was available.

I suggest to the Metropolitan clubs that they form a closer liaison with their junior sections and try to get a top coach as a director of coaching within their club so that their junior talent can be properly coached.

There must be something wrong within the system if we cannot find enough good class players from a junior figure of 50,000 players.

Most players who come from overseas are only a short term proposition. If clubs spent their money on developing their juniors they will be compensated by having young senior players.

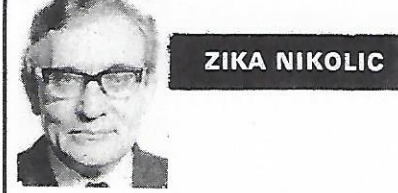
At Bendigo two weeks ago Colto United put on an indoor five a side carnival at the Bendigo YMCA.

Run over two days from 8am to 8pm, the carnival attracted about 700 juniors.

Most of the soccer was very exciting with clubs from Castlemaine, Cobram and Shepparton also taking part.

Ticel, Z. Milic, P. Karapadis, S. Brkic, P. Karapadis, R. Acevski, Mile Brkic (manager), Milan Brkic (coach).

From left, back row: R. Arapovic, I. Stojcevic, T.



KRAJ SEZONE — u znak cila 1981 sezone Footscray J.U.S.T. — Newcastle K.B. United 0:1 (0:0)

Posljednju utakmicu 1981 sezone J.U.S.T. je igrao na svom igralistu, na Schinler Rasar, sa Newcastleom i izgubio je sa rezultatom od 1:0, iako je imao vise od igara i skoro sve vreme izgledao bolji i opasniji tim.

Sto se utakmica zavrile sa golom u JUST-ovoj mrezi, da ironija bude veca, treba da se zahvali samoj ocajnoj gracki golmana Boland, inace najboljeg igraca J.U.S.T.-a u ovoj sezoni: on je u 80 minuta bezopasnu loptu upustio iz ruku i prosto na prostoru natekao na noge zabavnog Newcastle-ovog centarfora Haya-a, koji je ovaj, bez zasnivanja i bez po muke — ubacio u gol.

Nekoliko JUST-ovih navijaca koji li neposredno iza Bolandovog gola rekli su nam da je Haya, kad je gol dao, uzviknuo: "Hvala loep, gospodine Boland... Molim vas, ucinite to isto kao jedinstvo!"

Ne znamo da li je to istina, ali je istina da je Boland, vodeci loptu iz mreze, izgledao kao da mu se predica sa obema stopalima anula na levo. A tako su izgledali i svi navijaci JUST-a, svih hiljada i pet stotina koje su došli da gledaju utakmicu zavrila sa golom u JUST-ovoj mrezi, ali je preko ih porod gol... Bio je briljantan posetio iz kralja i alijamno da ima ikoga ko je utakmicu gledao da se nece alaciti da je Phil Dando bio junak dana i najbolji igrač na terenu.

Mnogobrojni JUST-ove navale na gol Newcastle-a, kao po unapred utvrdjenoj sablonu, dolazile su redovno od Lukisa sa levog krila. On je pretracao bar dva puta vise od bilo kog igrača JUST-a, vukao napred, prelazio protivnicku liniju, ubacivao loptu pred gol, a onda se po tome gledajuci kao Varweli, Cosselli i drugi, te lopte iz prestatke, ili im ne daskom.

Pred kraj utakmice celi tim JUST-a krenuo je na gol Newcastle-a. Na protivnickoj polovini igralista mogli smo naci oko pedesetpeto minuta celi Boland i O'Reilly-a. Ovi zadjni se drzali malo pozadi iz jednog razloga: da ponaku zalutali loptu na ovu stranu gurne jos malo dalje unazad — Boland.

Niko se nije naporcito selario sto se utakmica ovako zavrila. Na JUST-ovim igralistu se primedvalo, kad su napustali teren, da im nije bilo pravo sto im se premijala makar za nerazenu utakmicu izmoglije iz ruku (i na nju su u najmanju ruku i poslije razacnuli).

Kad se baci pogled unazad, kad se zna da je najvise dno ove sezone JUST proveo na posljednjim li protiposljednju metu na tabell Philip'a Lige, kad se potismio da je od dvadesetog kola imao samo 7 osvojenih bodova, i to vreme dno da je primio 28 gola, da je bio najlospiji kandidat za igrača ove Lige, onda se zavrstak na "bakuznom", na trinaestom mestu na tabell, more smatrat nekim "uspehom".

Preporod JUST-a je otpoceo povratkom Lukisa iz Jogoslavije, i ako je ikada postojao igrač cijom se zaslugom klub apasao od najgorog, od ispadanja, bio je to alucan JUST-a ove godine. Lukic je bio za JUST ono sto je klubu trener: kvalitetan igrač koji li napred, koji napada, koji sa sobom vuče vase ostale, koji kao brica nited ne prestatle da radi i stvara. Za jedina lista napravit je CITAVO PROLECJE JUST-u.

Makedonija je zadnju utakmicu sezone igrala u Kanberi i proste kao JUST u Melbourneu: izgubila je sa istim rezultatom od 1:0.

Plasirala se na dvadesetom mestu, ispred JUST-a, sa istim brojem bodova zahvaljujuci se nijenoj boljoj golifortovici. Da li se otklonila smernja ka je bolji od ove dva jugoslovenska kluba, odlucili su da odrzaju dve utakmice koje ce u pitanje reati.

Tako ce J.U.S.T. iduce nedelje, 20-og septembra, igrati na Makedonijinom igralistu u Prastomu, kad ce drugu utakmicu igrati nedelju dana kasnije na svom igralistu u Footscray-u. Tim koji bude pokazao bolji rezultat u ove dve utakmice imace sa boljim sa seosom, a to isto vreme, odnose i trofej i sumo od dve hiljade dolara. Od ulaza Klubovi ce dajati oba priroda na ravne dolove, kad ce prihode od kartina i ostalo avaki klub zadrzati za se.

Na kraju ove mucne sezone, kad su klup-ke kase skoro prazne, nice to od kofari i jednom i drugom klubu. A ako ovaj pogodolstvo bude i uspesan, najverovatnije ce se i produkti i postati redovan medijuljupski goditini obracun.

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Villazan threat to Argentina

Uruguay soccer sensation Jorge Villazan is chasing a unique double in the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Villazan may be only 19, but his attacking talents are so dazzling he has already broken into the first team of Nacional, which beat Nottingham Forest to become World Cup Champion.

Now Villazan is trying to achieve a similar status for his country.

And one guy who predicts a treat for the Australian public next month is his brother Rafael, capped 27 times by Uruguay and now a defender with English First Division side Wolves.

The brothers Villazan send each other cassettes every week to exchange their intercontinental news.

Rafael, 26 and a former National star himself, said: "Jorge is wildly excited by the Coca-Cola Cup. He talks on the tapes these days about little else."

"For a start it's the first time he will have travelled outside South America. But the main thing is the chance to

replace Argentina as world youth champion.

"You really have to be a Uruguayan to understand the incredible rivalry with Argentina. They beat them 5-1 in the qualifying event on their way to becoming South American champion and the whole country went berserk."

"It seemed that every man, woman and child was on the streets of Montevideo to welcome them home. So what's it going to be like if Uruguay wins the Coca-Cola Cup itself?"

"This is the greatest moment of Jorge's life so far."

Both Rafael and Jorge were playing soccer at five in their home village of El Carmen, which gets by on the production of bread and wine.

Their dad Eduardo was the local doctor. And when his first son Daniel wanted to study medicine, too, the family moved to the capital, Montevideo.

That was good news for Nacional, which snapped them both up at first sight.

Rafael, who had a spell with

Spanish club Huelva before joining Wolves a year ago, added: "Jorge has been in special training for months with the squad for Argentina."

"He's got all the skills in the world and I certainly wouldn't choose to be defending against him."

"He's a quiet lad who is very mature for his age. So there's no problem of his fame going to his head."

"Jorge was studying to be a doctor too, until soccer took over his life. It's Uruguay's national passion."

"His only worry is a hamstring injury which has been worrying him for a while, but he'll be all right for the big day."

Rafael, himself, has just recovered from a cartilage operation in time to challenge for a regular First Division place in England's Premier League.

He already has asked for one of Jorge's cassettes from Brisbane where Uruguay meet the United States, Poland and Qatar in its group matches.

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Martin Dobson of Everton and Burnley, is shown in numerous action sequences photographed specially for the book. In addition, further practice sessions are analysed, for these, the Shrewsbury Town goalkeeper Ken Mulhearn lent his services. Finally, in a section called 'Learning from the Professionals' we look at the particular skills of a number of top international players and discuss their techniques and ability. The object of the book is to encourage all young players to work at basic skills which are the key to success in soccer.

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VICTORIAN DOCKERTY CUP

Macleod hits lead with two goals

MARTON'S GOALS SINK MELITA

St. George came back with a vengeance to defeat Melita 3-2 in the New South Wales State League Preliminary Final at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Saints now advance to the Grand Final to be played on Sunday against Croatia.

St. George led till two minutes into extra time to score the winner, and it was striker Dez Marton who cut through the penalty area unopposed to hit it home.

Marton was back in the side after being dropped because he allegedly requested higher match payments.

And his two goals proved the difference between winning and losing for St. George.

Melita opened extremely well and went to the lead after only four minutes when central striker Don Allan stormed in at the far post to score from a Ray Farrugia cross.

Gradually, however, St. George's midfield took control for the rest of the first half and the side went in 2-1 up at half time.

Its first goal came after 30 minutes when a long cross fell favourably for Marton in the penalty area for him to place his shot.

Marton was involved in a second Saints goal as he was from his corner that big centre back David Rylands scored with a hard header.



ST. ALBANS IN SEMIS

Metro Third Division club St. Albans, coached by Joe Biewer, caused the upset of the Metro League Cup by downing Second Division Melbourne last Saturday.

St. Albans, Box Hill, Knox City and Polonia moved into the semi-finals to be played as a double header at Frankston Pines' ground, Monterey Boulevard this Saturday.

Box Hill and St. Albans meet in the first semi-final at 1 pm followed by the clash between Knox and Polonia.

ST. ALBANS 2 (Martynovic, Bouzis) MELBOURNE 1 (ST. ALBANS: Bryden 7 - Beila 8, Nikolic 7, McIntyre 7, Lombardi 8 - Azun 7 (inj), Bouzis 55th, 7, Nobilo 8, Jutsia 6 - Gauci 6, Martynovic 9, Basar 7).

Second Division club Melbourne hit the front in the 15th minute when a deflected shot sent Wally Bryden the wrong way but St. Albans fought back to level in the 58th minute again from a deflection.

Bill Bouzis replaced Straf Azun, vice-captain of the Victorian schoolboys, and scored a brilliant solo goal in the 65th minute when he beat three players inside the Melbourne area then slotted the ball past the opposition keeper from about 10 metres.

Polonia Maribyrnong 3 (Krysinski 46th, Lakić 52nd, Lipiarski 89th) Frankston Pines 0

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 7, Lipiarski 6, Jaworski 7, Pichner 5 (A. Czupnik 6, Sekulski 6 (Gerick 52nd), Krysinski 7, Wallace 6, Lakić 6).

FRANKSTON PINES: Oehme 7, Thomas 6, Ferris 6 (P. Luca 55th), D. Luca 6 (Waugh 62nd), Paulding 7, Murray 6, Mitchell 7, Campbell 6, Malcolm 7, Edmondson 8, Hargreaves 6.

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An 87th minute goal from Box Hill striker Scott Patterson sent the Hillmen into the semi-finals of the 1981 Metro League Cup and a meeting with lucky Third Division St. Albans on Saturday.

Brownlie started the move which led to the Hillmen's opening goal. He took a free kick in centre field, playing the ball to Valentine who rounded one defender then switched play to Patterson.

The young striker squared the ball to the waiting Verechia who made no mistake.

Falcons replied from a Coad free kick lofted high into the Box Hill area. Ford outbusted Morgan and the ball ran free to the unmarked Dave Perkins who tapped in.

Box Hill's winner started at the back with Krsen playing the ball forward to Brownlie. He angled it through to Patterson who beat Grant Smart then drew Billy Whiteside and slotted home.

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Melita, after fading in the first half, came out much more determined for the second half, and drew level with a controversial penalty after nine minutes.

St. George goalkeeper Mike Fraser went up for a high ball, but he dropped it as he was challenged by Allan, and as Allan tried to run onto the ball, Fraser held him back.

The initial challenge by Allan on the keeper could have yielded a free kick against him but referee Gary Power awarded a penalty to Melita, which Farrugia promptly netted.

From then on the match could have gone either way, with both sides playing entertaining soccer for the 473 supporters.

But it was left to a heart-stopping finale when Marton scored the winner for St. George.

The St. George midfield looked much more active with captain Peter Stone playing extremely well, while for Melita defenders Don Campbell and Greg McCoy were the pick.

Details: FINAL: St. George 3 (Marton 2 Rylands) Melita 2 (Allan Farrugia) at Sydney Sports Ground, Crowd: 4,973.

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WESTERN SUBURBS: Milanid 2 (Kondilis 60th), Kyriakidis 8, Glykolas 7, Dimovski 6, Dapla (inj. Klerin 19th, 5), Kupiz 5, Karapetov 7, Moore 6, McCarthy 6 - Sap 7, Vojtko 6.

Suburbs player-coach Bill Vojtko was used with the performance of his keeper Alex Milanidis.

There's no truth in the rumour that Milanidis just returned from a coaching clinic in Fiji held in conjunction with Akula Ravono.

While Vojtko searches for a first team keeper for 1982 he also came in at the far post to head home but for some unaccountable reason was ruled offside. A few minutes later Macleod headed in and referee Zoumas overruled the offside flag of his linesman and pointed to the centre spot. Immediately Zoumas was surrounded at the half line by angry Frankston players so he went across to his linesman and after a few seconds consultation reversed his decision and awarded a free kick to the Baysiders.

A few minutes later Kit Greenan's low shot from the edge of the area beat young Dave Gilbert to open Ajax's account as Greenan shot Macleod was standing almost one metre offside with Zoumas maybe three metres nearby yet the goal was given.

Willie Vassallo's low drive from an acute angle in the 50th minute made Frankston's task heavier then Macleod and substitute Paul Lewis headed in.

Macleod grabbed his second to complete the scoreline when his low shot-cum-cross eluded the diving Gilbert.

To add to the speculation surrounding Ajax's arch rival Croatia, Ajax sweeper John Gardiner attended a party on Sunday night at the home of Croatia president Joe Sigur.

You wouldn't need to be a fly on the wall to know what sort of conversation went on about Gardiner's plans for 1982.

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